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USE OF HEBRAIC NAMES OF THE MOST HIGH

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title, God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua, as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus, derived from the Greek translation, Ioseus.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

THE NAMES OF GOD

- Yeshua (Jesus)
- Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- Elohim (God)
- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- Qanna (Jealous)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

Within the pages of this book you will find that we call our Heavenly Father by His name Yahweh, and our Savior, Yeshua, His name versus referring to Him as a generic god. In no way are we suggesting that you are wrong if you have not yet grasped this revelation.

PREFACE FOR THE KINGDOM CULTURE SERIES

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017. In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus. In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517. Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an 'African Cultural Church'. The wider and more strategic scope was to use His remnant 'out of the seed of Ham' to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or 'one new man' spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Romans 11:5 (KJV) 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to 'Protest' some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins.

The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church, which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century.

In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the 'School' Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures.

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua.

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support.

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them.

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries and congregations accordingly. This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) *25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

Psalm 68:11 (KJV) 11 *The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.*

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument of His Grace, He designed you to be!

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LESSON 1: PREAMBLE

PREAMBLE

This 3rd edition of the Holy Spirit, as indicated by the title will discuss:

1. Who the Holy Spirit is
2. What He does
3. Outcomes in our lives when we understand Him and embrace what He does, giving Him right of way to use our vessels just as Elohim intended. In this regard, we will understand His ways and His acts. Outcomes will also include potential offences against the Holy Spirit including the fatal ones.

One of the most outstanding features of modern-day Christianity is the fundamental error regarding the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit of Elohim:

The darkness or ignorance of His Person by a considerable part of Christians, a whole lot of Christians who do not know Him and have not been taught. This is especially so amongst those who subscribe to the 'cessations theology'. These are those who claim that after The Holy Spirit was poured upon the Church on the Day of Pentecost, individual saints who are now part of the Body and Bride do not have any need to be filled by Him with evidence of speaking in unlearned tongues, to relate personally to Him or to manifest certain spiritual gifts. A whole lot of denominations have this error as part of their ground norm. Some are ignorant of the role of the Holy Spirit in regeneration of sinners. Some are good 'Christians' who are unregenerated, who are simply religiously 'good people'.

The Confusion regarding Who He really Is and What He does. Unfortunately, this is fostered mainly by the branch of Christendom which should be His standard bearer, the Pentecostals and Charismatics. By manifestation of the old man with its desire to be seen as 'great' and 'anointed', displaying flesh which glorifies certain types of unedifying behaviour in public worship, such as riotous use of tongues, those they are assigned to minister to are rather repelled and put off. 1 Corinthians chapter 14 expositis this tendency in detail.

I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.¹³ Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.¹⁴ For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.¹⁶ Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?¹⁷ For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.²¹ In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.²² Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.²³

If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 1

Corinthians 14:5-23

We must go beyond those two strands of thought to understand the real reason why they cling to their respective views and actions. An Enemy has done this! Satan, the great adversary knows that if believers come to a balanced, biblical based revelation of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit of Elohim, they will embrace Him wholly and become vessels we are designed to be. The adversary knows that if all believers receive and walk in the revelation of their identity, the manifestation of Yeshua, Jesus, the Kingdom will be pervasive across the world and the Great Commission will be fulfilled. Satan therefore wages that crossbow attack: instigating confusing behaviour which in turn, repels interest of other people! Unfortunately, believers who feel repelled by negative manifestation of the Holy Spirit make the mistake of thinking He is an option. Knowing, embracing, and walking with the Holy Spirit however is not an option but rather an imperative for those who are born again.

The Second edition of the Holy Spirit is a two-part comprehensive work which we urge all serious students to study at their own convenience. They can be downloaded from www.gsom.ac and www.kingdombooksclub.com. While a great deal of what this resource will unveil will come from that edition, there will be some fresh insights in this edition which brings clarity.

WHO HE IS NOT?

To get it right with this study, we need to get out of error first. The Holy Spirit of Elohim is not any of these:

1. He is not merely Tongues. Tongues are part of the gifts He gives but they do not define Him.
2. He is not the fleshly, emotional displays that are so often attributed to Him. It must be said though that when He shows up, saints may lose a grip of their personalities and plans.
3. He is Not the author of confusion, giving different ministries, leaders and saints conflicting instructions and ideas.

²⁶ *How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying...*³³ *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

1 Corinthians 14:26,33

1. He is not an it or impersonal object which we can grab, use and dump at will.
2. He Is Not the founder and initiator or power behind anything which is inherently unbiblical. Something is off when what people say whether as prophecy or any utterance, supposedly by inspiration of the Holy Spirit is inherently and directly contradictory to what the Holy Scriptures say. 'Thus says the Lord' if it contradicts 'it is written' should raise a red flag in our hearts.
3. He is not behind projection of humans to loom large over the flock and block the view of saints from seeing, embracing and relating personally with Yeshua, Jesus. His main assignment is to reveal and project/exalt Yeshua, Jesus! We need to be wary when there is extreme promotion of human vessels as able to do whatever we desire so that we are drawn to them as individuals and rotate around them.
4. He Is not the power behind the various distortions of the Church such as the Church of Satan, the Church of Humans, Family-owned Church, Cultural Churches. He Is the main instrument of building the Kingdom Church which is built upon and centered on the Person of Yeshua, Jesus.
5. Holy Spirit may call and anoint human leaders. But corruption can occur where their humanistic ideas or concepts to be famous or wealthy off the same grace, corrupts the anointing.

BROAD SCOPE OF THIS RESOURCE.

In this resource, we believe that the Holy Spirit of Elohim will enable us to:

1. Receive a biblical, Spirit-led revelation of Who the Holy Spirit of Elohim Is. We will trust two sources of revelation: What Yeshua says of Him and What He says of Himself in the Holy Scriptures which He inspired.
2. Receive a Biblical, Spirit-led understanding of What He does. This includes His ways, fruits and gifts.
3. Receive actionable spiritual intelligence of outcomes of 1 and 2 above concerning effect on us as saints including how to enjoy vibrant personal relationship with Him and be effective as true witnesses of Yeshua, Jesus and how we can be vessels He uses to fulfil the mandate of Yeshua

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.⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:4-8

DISPENSATIONS OF MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. In creation of the world and all interventions Elohim desires in the earth realm.
2. The Old Covenant. The Holy Spirit came upon chosen vessels, used them to release the word or anointing of Elohim and leave them thereafter. That was the experience of vessels like Moses and Elijah. When He rested on them, their vessels were used to do great exploits. When He left them, they lived like ordinary people and were devoid of power.
3. The New Covenant. Here, the Holy Spirit is to come into and dwell within the vessels of the redeemed who become, as it were, His mobile Temple. In this case, we are simply vessels that are defined by the quantum and depth of the Holy Spirit within ourselves. He comes into the spirit-man, which is neither male nor female, young nor old, rich nor poor. Our backgrounds do not matter! He does not call the qualified but rather, qualifies the called.

Let us begin a journey of faith. May we download in the weeks ahead, revelations that constitute actionable spiritual intelligence. Holy Spirit is on standby to empower us.

Assignment 1:

Please share 3 things you received from this lesson.

Explaining 1 above. In the first volume of the 2nd Edition, this text was part of lesson 1:

The best approach that is critical to understand Holy Spirit is to give Him right of way in our hearts, minds and attitudes to teach us Who He Is. He knows the best scriptures to cite. He Who inspired the writing of the texts is best placed to release His light and life on the Word so that it becomes a pulsating reality which reveals Him in High Definition.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. — 2 Peter 1:20-21

The Holy Spirit Is Elohim in Action

In order to properly understand who Holy Spirit is and how to relate with Him we need to understand Elohim, The Supreme Being Who in the Holy Scriptures is presented as A Single Entity in essence but with Three distinct personalities, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit that are found all over the Holy Scriptures. The arguments on the composition of what was clearly intended to be a mystery is rank arrogance on the part of humans to decode to the point of hating each other. A day is coming when all arguments will cease on the subject matter. What is needful in the now is to take the Word as it is concerning Elohim, Supreme Creator and Ruler of the Universe. His manifestation as Yahweh, our Father; Yeshua our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit, His Life in us all speak of one central point: He Is a Supreme Being that is far different from the gods of the nations. This Elohim is relational, describing Himself in His Word as One Who created a family in the earth realm of His Kingdom to represent Him and superintend all other creation therein on His behalf.

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. — **Genesis 1:26-29***

If we examine the Word carefully, these distinct truths become manifest:

1. "Let us," in verse 26 speaks of an Elohim Who has a peculiar make up. The ordinary and implied meaning is clearly that of a mutual consent by the Persons in the Godhead in consultation of what to do on creation morning.

1. "In our image and likeness," furthers the concept of consultation within what can be referred to in English as the God Head, which in Hebrew is simply rendered as Elohim.

Concerning the events of creation morning, two scriptures in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 make it plain that Holy Spirit is in, part of, and proceeds out of Elohim:

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. — **Genesis 1:1-2***

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. — **Genesis 2:7***

Those who have been programmed to see Holy Spirit as an impersonal force or something that could be added or subtracted from the earth realm place themselves in great danger by reading the Holy Scriptures selectively through the lenses of religion. The reason is that with this attitude, they miss something so evidently declared from the first chapter to the last chapter.

*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. — **Revelation 22:17***

The reality of divinity as presented in the Holy Scriptures reveals that Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. He is not a servant of the Church to be switched on when we like and switched off when we do not feel like. Holy Spirit is Elohim in action. The scriptures call Him by various names which define His attributes or activities. He is called Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Living Elohim, Spirit of Yeshua and various other titles.

Understanding Elohim.

The reason for this approach is to situate where His Divine nature and Power is derived from. Elohim is the Supreme and Eternal Spirit personality or being as attested by Yeshua in His dialogue with the woman at the well of Samaria. **John 4:24** says *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

Elohim created heaven and earth, mankind, other creatures and the things that fill the earth with form as outlined in **Genesis Chapter 1 and Hebrews 1:3**. He sustains them all by His own will and power as He alone rules and reigns over the affairs of mankind. The testimony of Who He is by the heathen King Nebuchadnezzar after the humiliation of living like an animal is instructive.

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? — Daniel 4:34-35

The Immutable Attributes of Elohim

There are four immutable attributes which define the essence of Elohim, making Him Unique in all realms of Creation. Each of them equally applies to the Holy Spirit:

1.Omnipotent: By this we mean for Him to be Elohim, He is and will remain all powerful with inherent ability to do whatever He wants, experiencing no external limitations to exercise His power. In other words, Elohim can do all things which He desires to do. The only limitations, so to speak, are those in exercise of His own omnipotence. Elohim, from the uniform testimony of Scripture does not function contrary to His nature, will and plan. No creature or power in all realms of existence can intimidate Him or stampede Him to do what is contrary to His nature or will. However, the Omnipotent Elohim can allow or permit mankind or angels to exercise a unique facility He put in them freedom of the will to act or respond to Him according to their own will or choice. If in exercise of the will mankind incurs the just recompense for bad decisions, as we saw in Adam and Eve in **Genesis 3:1-6**, Elohim cannot be blamed. It was in exercise of His Omnipotence that Elohim created heaven and earth by His spoken word - **Genesis 1**. (See also **Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:27; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Timothy 6:15-16.**)

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. — Psalm 33:8-9

2.Omniscient: This is the ability of Elohim to know all things concerning all His creation. Omniscience is a function of the infinite or limitless capacity of His mind. He alone knows and sees all things simultaneously happening in the mind of all mankind. Elohim in effect knows the thoughts of all mankind without the need to consult them. All things are naked to Him who created them.

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. — Jeremiah 17:10

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. — 1 Corinthians 3:20

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. —

Hebrews 4:12-13

3. Omnipresent: Consistent with His omnipotence and omniscience, Elohim is Omnipresent. This means that the presence of Elohim pervades all His creation. He is everywhere, all the time. Elohim is transcendent and therefore beyond all forms of limitation of space or time. This attribute of Elohim does not confer on Him responsibility for the willful actions of people or fallen angels in exercise of their free will.

4. Omnibenevolent: He is merciful, loving and caring to all. He has made ample provision for all of His creation. This is made possible by His essential nature which is love which He exercises even when correcting or disciplining us. (See **Hebrews 12:4-11**.)

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. — Jeremiah 9:23-24

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. — Matthew 5:45

Essence and Nature of Elohim

Certain qualities constitute His essential nature and attributes. By essence we mean what He is by His very nature. These are but a human attempt to grasp the reality of the Almighty as presented by Himself in His Holy Scriptures:

1. **He is Love:** Elohim is love is a theme that resonates in His creation, redemption and providential dealings with man. Love is the root of creation. He wanted to bring into being humankind to be the recipients of His Fatherly affection. It is His love that draws us to Himself

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. —1 John 4:7-8

It was love which drove Elohim to be manifested in the Son as the Lamb Who takes away sins of the world:

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.— 1 John 4:9-13

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3:16

It is because of His love and mercy that we are sustained, even through the valley of the shadow of death. The more we know Him, the more this essence envelopes and transforms us until any contrary nature and quality is expunged and we become like Him. John the Beloved was a man with a hot temper and an unforgiving spirit who even sought permission to wipe off a whole community because they differed from him. He was also so ambitious that he and James, his brother conspired with their mother to appropriate the highest places of honor for themselves in the Kingdom. This same brother was so zealous for Yeshua, Jesus that the spirit of intolerance and sectarianism crept in and he tried to forbid other people from working miracles in His name. By the time Yeshua, Jesus Who Is Love personified was through with John there was no room for any nature or message other than love in Him (See **Mark 9:38-41; Matthew 20:20-28, 1 John 3:10-23; 1 John 4:7-21.**)

2. Holy: Elohim is holy, pure, undefiled with sin or corruption of any sort. All the thoughts of His heart are pure and so are His acts.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. — 1 Peter 1:15-16

Because He is Holy, **James 1:13-16** warns that no one should ever purport to be tempted by Elohim to commit sin.

3. Transcendent: He is beyond the limitations of time and space. Time proceeded from His eternal being. Space came into being from the depths of His imagination and He spoke it into being. For this reason Elohim can do anything, anywhere, all at the same time.

4. Just and True: Everything about Elohim is just and true. He is fair, equitable, right and true in all His decisions and actions. Within Elohim is the ultimate standard of judgment of what is right or wrong. This qualifies Him to be the judge of all the earth – (See **Genesis 18:26; 1 Peter 1:17; Daniel 4:37.**)

5. Immortal: Elohim is eternal, without beginning and cannot die or expire. Life proceeds from Him and returns to Him for judgment. (See **Timothy 6:15-16; Daniel 4:34.**)

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. — Revelation 20:11-12

6. Infinite: Elohim is limitless in thought and knowledge. The depths and heights of His mind cannot be fathomed. This presents us with the reality that what we know or can ever imagine is but a speck of who He truly is.

7. Personal: Elohim has a definite personality and will act as it pleases Him. As a person Elohim thinks, has a preference of what He likes, dislikes and hates. He can feel, touch, guide and walk with His own. If you want to walk acceptably with Elohim, be ready to please Him and He will supply the grace for this dream to be translated into reality – (See **Genesis 1:26; Genesis 6:1-10.**)

8. Wise and Intelligent: Elohim is the spring and source of all wisdom and intelligence. He is the master designer of human life and all of the creation (See **1Timothy 1:17; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:13-16.**)

9.Elohim is the Supreme Being who has ultimate authority over everything in all of creation; visible and invisible. All power belongs to Him and He causes who He desires to receive and exercise power on earth. (See *Romans 13:1-7; 1Timothy 6:15.*)

No one can ever dream of being a leader outside of Him otherwise certain judgment follows as Belshazzar discovered in *Daniel 5:1-31*, like his father Nebuchadnezzar before him - *Daniel 4:1-37*.

10. Creator: Elohim created all things in heaven and on earth. *Genesis Chapter 1* reveals in clear detail the process whereby He spoke this world into being out of nothing.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. — Hebrews 11:3

11. Compassionate and Merciful: The Elohim we worship is compassionate and full of mercy. He knows the weakness of our frame and makes provision for them through His heart of mercy. *Psalms 103:1-18*. This nature of Elohim cannot be a license for His people to remain in bondage to Satan and sin. If any saint despises the blood that bought them, the door will be open to a reprobate heart condition (See *Hebrews 6:1-9*.)

EFFECT OF KNOWING THE ATTRIBUTES OF ELOHIM AND HIS ESSENCE

When saints walk in proper understanding of Who their Elohim Is, there will be greater motivation to trust Him; release Faith in His Words and have a healthy respect for Him which translates into godly fear. When saints live in awareness of His existential reality and presence; when they know that He discerns and knows thoughts of the mind, meditations of the heart and inclinations to action, there will be little or no room to harbour sin, nurse grudges or give space to Satan to tempt into sin. Those who glibly act the part of holiness inside the four walls of a "Church sanctuary" but quickly switch off and turns on to the flesh at home, the office and community declare to Him that they do not know Him.

Those Who will use their beings to "serve" Him on Sunday after lending those same bodies to serve iniquity of immorality on Saturday night in effect announce that they do not know Him. The way Sin has invaded the organized Church may have a direct bearing to how, in search of sophisticated topics to teach and preach, fundamental doctrines of the Word which reveal Who Elohim Is, His holy Standards and true Grace made available for His Own to enjoy an intimate relationship, have been swept away as too "elementary." It is time to restore and return to the ancient landmarks of Truth.

The brothers and sisters who laugh with their leaders in the open and plot against them behind their back declare by so doing that they are immature. Those who invest cunning craftiness to nurse grudges and plot vengeance against real or assumed enemies declare plainly that they do not know Elohim. David was a man who walked in the consciousness of Omniscience and Omnipresence of Elohim and made this powerful declaration:

*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. — **Psalm 139:7-12***

Joseph was a young man who had every excuse to be bitter, angry and susceptible to satanic manipulation of his mind and body. But on the day that he faced a temptation that offered him great rewards, his response showed that he had a true relationship with Elohim.

*And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, after this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. — **Genesis 39:13-20***

Assignment.

Please share 3 things you received in this lesson concerning the need to have a proper scriptural understanding of Who the Holy Spirit of Elohim Is.

Lesson 2: Introduction

One of the reasons why Christians seem to be so ignorant of the Holy Spirit is because most resources on Him are presented in a haphazard fashion, devoid of context and clarity. The outcome is a dangerous spectacle where many young believers pray, fast and pursue anointed men and women of God in search for the anointing, and power, but not the Anointer and Source of the Power they seek. The reason some are baptized is simply because scripture cannot be broken: those who ask, seek and knock are guaranteed answers to prayers! (**Matthew 7:7-11**).

With impure motives to make money or achieve fame and glory, this tendency leads to a grand perversion where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are sought earnestly while His fruits are ignored. The outcome is anointing without character of Yeshua, Jesus, a mercenary spirit, much like Israel in the days of Moses when this statement was their reality:

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. Psalm 103:7

The Lord will use the revelations in this course to empower us to know the Personhood of the Holy Spirit, how He functions, how to relate with Him so that He can use us as He wills. This is the cure for the mercenary spirit.

In continuation of the foundation laid in Lesson 1, the Preamble of this Course, we need to begin to put in place vital building blocks of revelation which will enable us to know Holy Spirit properly.

The first is that He is Elohim in action, pure and simple! He is part of the Godhead, the Supreme Creator of heaven and earth. Though a unique eternal reality, Elohim is still a mystery in the realm of humanity. His Divinity is at the heart of Who He is.

In the first volume of the 2nd edition, this text was part of Lesson 1:

The best approach that is critical to understand Holy Spirit is to give Him right of way in our hearts, minds and attitudes to teach us Who He Is. He knows the best scriptures to cite. He Who inspired the writing of the texts is best placed to release His light and life on the Word so that it becomes a pulsating reality which reveals Him in High Definition.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. — 2 Peter 1:20-21

The theological exposition of the Godhead is fairly comprehensive in volume 1 of the Second edition of the Holy Spirit which is available for free download and study on www.gsom.ac and www.kingdombooksclub.com. It will be helpful to study on our own.

Elohim as the mystery of the Godhead

One of the problems that has plagued humanity was briefly summarized by Yeshua in His epic conversation with the Samaritan woman:

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.²² Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. **John 4:21-24***

The mystery of the Godhead is however unwrapped when we posture as little children with open hearts and give the Holy Spirit right of way to reveal that which is written.

The dispensations and Elohim

The heart of the Old Covenant is the Torah given to Israel through Moses. However, the veil of Moses took a toll to the degree that till today, the scriptures are read physically with little light of revelation

*Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:¹³ And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:¹⁴ But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.¹⁵ But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.¹⁶ Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. **2 Corinthians 3:12-16***

Essentially, what that veil accomplished is that Judaism was limited to a partial understanding of Yahweh, our heavenly Father. The Shema was proclaimed and understood as referring to Him.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: Deuteronomy 6:4

The New Covenant presents us two realities about Elohim. The first is that He was made flesh in Yeshua, Jesus for the purpose of fulfilling **Genesis 3:15** (Seed of the Woman Who would crush the power of Satan and redeem man), the Jews of His day outrightly rejected Him because of the Mosaic veil which beclouded their ability to understand spiritual truth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...*¹⁰ *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*¹¹ *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*¹² *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*¹³ *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*¹⁴ *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. **John 1:1-3 & 10-14***

As Paul was to explain in His writings, the rejection of the Divinity of Yeshua, Jesus by the Jews was strategic: so that the gospel would go to the Gentiles who would be reconciled to Elohim, manifest His glory and grace to the extent that Israel and the Jewish people will be provoked to jealousy and ultimately embrace Him. The epistle to the ***Romans chapters 9, 10 and 11*** make this case very clearly.

The reality of His Divine origin was stated in several scriptures from Genesis till Malachi. When He came to this world, the disciples and others were eyewitnesses to His extraordinary life as Elohim made flesh and captured same in a number of passages.

He Himself attested to His divinity in a number of scriptures.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.⁷ If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?¹⁰ Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

John 14:6-11

Yeshua pointed to the Father

One interesting thing that Yeshua did however, on a consistent basis was not to exalt Himself! While in the Incarnate Flesh, He rather exalted the Father and declared Himself as one on assignment to reconcile lost humanity to Him. He prayed that a day will come when the ultimate unity of Elohim and humanity would be achieved. In effect, He pointed Israel and humanity to embrace Yahweh as Father.

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he **hath** declared him. **John 1:18**

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he **hath seen** the Father. **John 6:46**

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

¹⁰ And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.²⁵ O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.²⁶ And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. **John 17:1-26**

The Second thing which Yeshua, Jesus did was to introduce to Israel and Humanity, the Personhood of The Holy Spirit as an integral part of the One, Indivisible Godhead, Elohim. This creates an interesting grid of revelation:

1. In the Old Covenant, Israel's understanding of Elohim was limited to revelation of the Father to the exclusion of any understanding of what the Holy Scriptures said of Yeshua, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
2. In the New Covenant The Father reveals Yeshua, Jesus as the Lamb Who alone is qualified to take away the Sins of the world and reconcile lost humanity back to Himself.
3. Yeshua in His Incarnate state took the posture of One on Assignment to point Israel and humanity to Yahweh as Father. He also introduced the Third Personality of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit of Elohim. This was done first in demonstration of Who Holy Spirit Is, in His Own life and ministry. Secondly His teachings on the Holy Spirit constitute the ground norm of what saints need to know and do.

What we will do in the next Chapter will be to examine the role of the Holy Spirit in the full spectrum of the life and ministry of Yeshua, Jesus. Thereafter, we will dissect what He taught about the Holy Spirit of Elohim. When we know the real Holy Spirit, we will not seek to be clones of any famous or popular preacher no matter how anointed. He is not in the business of producing clones of other humans. Rather, He is vested with the authority and capacity to make all of us in the Kingdom Church precisely who we were designed and called to be.

Assignment.

- 1. Please share any 3 things you personally received from this lesson.*

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Lesson 3: Holy Spirit in the Life and Ministry of Yeshua, Jesus

A proper biblical understanding of the Person of the Holy Spirit and His unique assignment in the Godhead must of necessity pass through the gate of the spectacular assignment in the greatest miracle of all time and eternity. That miracle is the reality of how Elohim left the heavenly realm became wrapped up in flesh to become human, live in the Body for 33 and half years, die on the Cross to redeem all who believe the incredible report from the hands of Satan, Sin and the world and raised Him from the dead after 3 days. It is sad that Christian religion has focused so much on the Babe in the Manger for whom a holiday is dedicated that His full identity and the mystery of His Incarnation is lost to many who are caught up with religious activities, shopping and having 'fun'.

Who made it all possible? The Holy Spirit of Elohim is the short answer! For good measure, we need to discuss with balance:

- The Godhead, comprising Yahweh, The Father; Yeshua, Jesus the Son and Ruach Ha Kadosh, The Holy Spirit are One Elohim, not 3 Different Gods.
- Yet, the Mystery of the Godhead is partly unveiled in the scriptures to reveal the Personhood of all.
- Bringing clarity, we can say that though Elohim is One, The Father did not go to the Cross but rather it was Yeshua, The Son neither did the Holy Spirit. Yet all Three were intrinsically involved in the redemption part with The Father Sending the Son and receiving Him back to the Throne of Grace at end of the Mission. The Holy Spirit, as executor of the divine purposes for the earth realm, had the unique responsibility of making the entire miracle possible.

In this lesson, we trust Him to unpack the mystery with clarity for our benefit.

1. Execute The Divine Decision and Plan for an earth realm and humanity

In eternity past, Elohim decided to create out of the entire cosmos/universe, a specific planet which would be the earth realm to be inhabited by human beings in His image and likeness. Holy Spirit went to work on creation morning, brooding over the surface of the deep and calling forth things that be not as if they were.

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Genesis 1:1-2***

In this way, the earth realm with an ecosystem that can sustain human life was created.

2. The Godhead again communed about the humans who would be created and their assignment.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 1:26-31

In the actual process of bringing forth the first humans, the divine design was a unique creature from the dust of the earth. The lifeless body was only activated when a measure of the Holy Spirit was released to give life. When that measure of the Spirit of Elohim touched the lifeless form, man became a living soul.

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7***

3. One of the Truths which the Christian Church has not emphasized enough is that in His Omniscience and Omnipresence. Elohim foreknew that Adam and Eve would miss it. The Supreme love of Elohim was manifested in the decision that Yeshua would come and be the Lamb of Elohim Who would take away the Sins of the world!

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **Revelation 13:8(b)***

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. **John 1:29***

This was in recognition of a judicial reality: lower beings cannot redeem higher beings. The blood of bulls, goats and birds used in the Old Covenant was insufficient to atone for the sins of humans who are higher beings. **Hebrews chapters 8, 9 and 10.** What was needed would have to be of the class of humans or higher. Since the earth realm was under a curse, that being could not emerge here from. It could not be angels who are in a class of beings. He had to come from heaven, bear human flesh.

4. When Adam and Eve Sinned, the divine solution would be the Seed of the woman.

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Genesis 3:15***

The Holy Spirit had the responsibility of ensuring the fulfilment of that unique Prophecy. How was this miracle going to be manifested? It was by mediating the Incarnation through the supernatural conception of Yeshua, Jesus giving Him a Body to function as a human in the earth realm

*And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.²⁹ And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.³⁰ And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.³¹ And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.³⁴ Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:26-35***

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

²² *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **Matthew 1:18-23***

*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: **Hebrews 10:5***

5. Empowering Yeshua for service. Yeshua was planted in the womb of Mary or conceived for the purpose of the Incarnation by the Holy Spirit as we saw earlier. Significantly, for 30 years he lived as a mere human, experiencing all the challenges and sufferings of humanity.

*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **Hebrews 5:8***

In the 30th year, something significant happened which is not often emphasized: He Who had emptied Himself of His glory in heaven, had been conceived in the womb of Mary and came forth as a Babe in the Manger was now ready for the assignment. How could He Walk in the supernatural authority and power of Divinity? The Holy Spirit needed to fill Him!

*Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,²² And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.²³ And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, **Luke 3:21-23***

6. As a helper, guide and strengthener He led Yeshua, Jesus to be tempted by the Devil.

*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.⁵ Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,⁶ And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.⁸ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;⁹ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. **Matthew 4:1-11***

7. Anointing for Performance of all the miracles

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **Acts 10:38***

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.²⁴ And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.²⁵ And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. **Matthew 4:23-25***

8. Strengthened Yeshua in moments of weakness such as in the Garden of Gethsemane

*As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.⁷ Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Hebrews 5:6-7***

9. He affirmed and testified of Him as the Messiah

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall **testify** of me: **John 15:26***

10. Raised Him from the dead at the end of His assignment

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **Romans 8:11***

*Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.³⁰ Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;³¹ He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **Acts 2:29-32***

11. Activation of the Kingdom Church

*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.⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **Acts 1:4-8***

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance...³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. **Acts 2:1-4, 33***

From conception through anointing for ministry and till the Mission was accomplished at the redemption on the Cross, the Resurrection and activation of the Body and Bride and inauguration thereby of the present phase of the Kingdom, which was why Yeshua came, The Holy Spirit of Elohim was the instrument of Divinity to make it all happen. If Yeshua, Jesus, very God and very Man needed the Holy Spirit to function in the earth realm, what excuse have we to neglect or reject this precious supernatural asset through Whom we can be ALL that we were designed and ordained to be?

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarise 4 assignments of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of Yeshua, Jesus.

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Lesson 4: Yeshua's teaching on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

The last Chapter established with certainty that the Holy Spirit of Elohim had a holistic mandate to execute the divine plan for creating humanity and bring to pass His counsel regarding the life and ministry of Yeshua, Jesus as Emmanuel or God made Flesh. As Yeshua, Jesus emptied Himself of His glory, it was the work of Holy Spirit to supernaturally plant the Seed of the Messiah in the womb of Mary, the virgin chosen for the assignment. It was His responsibility to clothe Yeshua, Jesus with Divine power at the Baptism of John with which He lived and ministered with signs, wonders and miracles (**Acts 10:38**). He raised Yeshua from the dead and activated the Kingdom Church on the day of Pentecost (**Acts 1:4-4, Acts 2:14**).

During the three- and half-year ministry of Yeshua, there were two things He did in relation to other members of the Godhead. The first was to testify of Yahweh as Father, presenting Himself as on assignment to do His will in all things, even unto death. **John 4:34, John 5:30, John 6:38**. Ye also yielded to the will of the Father during the epic battle in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The second was to speak of the Holy Spirit in two dimensions. The first was to confirm that His Messianic assignment as prophesied by Isaiah would be executed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He then affirmed and promoted the Personhood of the Holy Spirit and His assignment in the redemption process and empowerment of saints to be proof producers and Ambassadors of the Kingdom.

Specifics

1. He taught that the Holy Spirit had been prophesied as the One that would anoint Him

*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,¹⁸ 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,¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.²⁰ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. **Luke 4:16- 21***

This was in fulfilment of **Isaiah 61:1-2**

2. The Divine Personhood of the Holy Spirit.

The various teachings of Yeshua, Jesus, point to the reality of the Personhood of the Holy Spirit and His Divine Origin. He was always referred to as He, Him, and His Personhood was emphasized so that no one would think of Him as a mere force.

3. While Yeshua would pay the price for Sins to be taken away, the implementation of the divine gift of regeneration that would make sinners new creatures is the work of the Holy Spirit

*There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. **John 3:1-8***

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **2 Corinthians 5:17***

4. The Holy Spirit refreshes. Yeshua taught that the Holy Spirit will refresh the spirit-man just as water refreshes the body. From the spirit of man, He flows out to perform the divine assignments.

*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) **John 7:37-39***

5. In the Divine Plan, the Holy Spirit would take the place of Yeshua. After 33 and half years in the Incarnate State, Yeshua would need to go back to the Throne of heaven and be seated besides the Father. All He was to the disciples and all believers of all ages would now be performed by the Holy Spirit.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:39

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7

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If ye love me, keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you...²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:15-18 25-26

6. The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey the commandments of Yeshua, Jesus. Central to this is the need to love and walk in unity with others. *John 13:34-35, John 15:9-14, John 17:20-23*

7. The Comforter. The Holy Spirit who indwells the spirit-man of saints (the innermost part of our being) would be the principal source of comfort for the redeemed. Our lives are lived from inside out with Him enthroned in the depth of our spirit-man. This is why saints can enjoy Peace which passes all understanding. *John 14:27, John 16:33, Philippians 4:4-7.*

8. He Is the Spirit of Truth. He is the spring and source of truth who inspired the writings of the Holy Scriptures. When He is enthroned in our hearts, the Holy Spirit enables us to understand the message of the scriptures.

This is re-emphasized in **John 16:** ¹²*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.*¹³*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

9. He has ultimate responsibility to teach us all things and remind us of the words of the Lord when we are confronted with situations that we need to overcome with the mind of Yeshua, Jesus.

10. The Holy Spirit will enable believers to do greater works. Our full potentials as saints will break loose from the spirit of 'average' that Satan uses to make believers live in a sub-optimized way.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*¹³*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*¹⁴*If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.* **John 14:12-14**

11. The Holy Spirit testifies Yeshua and affirms His Divine identity. He is not given to promote human vessels or denominational agendas.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: **John 15:26**

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore, said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:14-15

12. His assignment to Sinners and Sin is to convict and make the conscience that is dead in sins to come alive so that regeneration can occur in their spirit-man

*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. **John 16:8-11***

This is because those living in Sin are possessed of an opposite spirit: the spirit of the god of this world. Holy Spirit therefore works on them from outside-in to quicken their conscience that is dead in Sins and trespasses.

*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **Ephesians 2:1-3***

⁷*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you **John 14:17***

*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4***

13. New Dispensation of indwelling, rather than 'touch, use and leave'. It is needful to mention that Yeshua was also announcing the beginning of a new paradigm. Holy Spirit has always operated in the earth realm since the creation morning. According to divine plans, He came upon chosen people, and used their vessels to do exploits, thereafter, leave them to function in their humanity. Now, as Yeshua teaches, the new era would require the Holy Spirit to indwell the spirit-man and being of His saints.

*⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you **John 14:17***

This seals the deal of why Elohim allowed the Temple to be destroyed first by the Babylonian empire and secondly by the armies of General Titus in AD 70. Elohim was through with Temples of brick and mortar!

*What? know ye not that your body is **the temple of the Holy** Ghost which is in you, which ye have **of** God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit**, which are God's **1 Corinthians 6:19-20***

14. Yeshua, Jesus is the One Who baptises His Own with the Holy Spirit as received from the Father.

*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: **Matthew 3:11***

There is an unhealthy tendency for preachers to say that the era of Jesus is gone and that now the spotlight is on the Holy Spirit. The Godhead is not divided, They are consistently presented as united in all things!

15. The Holy Spirit can be sinned against, offended, grieved. This happens when people maliciously attribute to Satan a clear work of the Holy Spirit, just as the religious leaders did to spite Yeshua, Jesus. **Matthew 12:22-32.**

*And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the **Holy Ghost**, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. **Matthew 12:32***

16. He is our Advocate, able to give us a word to utter in real time, when we face trials of the faith.

*And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:¹² For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. **Luke 12:11-12***

17. Yeshua, Jesus sealed the saints with the Holy Spirit. After the work of redemption was accomplished, He sealed the disciples unto Himself with a measure of the Holy Spirit

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the **Holy Ghost**: **John 20:22***

18. Yeshua taught the disciples to wait for the Infilling of the Holy Spirit in order to effectively represent Him and the Kingdom in the earth realm.

*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.⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **Acts 1:4-8***

Out of the 500 or so believers He spoke to (**1 Corinthians 15:6**), only about 120 obeyed this instruction and were filled!

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **Acts 2:1-4***

It is significant that Yeshua, Jesus spent 3 and half years to prepare His disciples for their own personal encounter and relationship with the Holy Spirit. He Himself spent 30 years learning obedience by what He suffered before He was filled at the Baptism of John as Luke 3:21-23 testified. When you know a person very well, the resulting relationship will be truly profitable. When people do not know the Holy Spirit but want His Power for base reasons of fame and wealth, there will be abuses.

Assignment

1. Please briefly summarize 7 assignments of the Holy Spirit as taught by Yeshua, Jesus.

Lesson 5: The Divinity of the Holy Spirit

We will discuss three broad issues in this lesson.

#.1 His THREE ESSENTIAL NATURES

The best way to undertake a proper study of The Holy Spirit is to lay aside all denominational prisms, including those of Pentecostalism and Charismatics who embrace Him and that wing of Evangelicalism which rejects His active Presence in saints at this time because in denominating for or against Him, opinions of humans became preponderant.

We know Him best by being open to His Person and Teaching Ministry so that by direct revelation and exposition of the Word, He reveals Who He Is to us with great clarity. To believe the word when and where it suits us and ignore passages that do not suit our pre-conceived ideas is a dangerous spiritual game people play with relish across the world.

The 3 Essential Natures of His Being

1. He is Spirit, which means He is not of material substance. As manifestation of Elohim in the earth realm, the overarching form of His pervasive presence and influence is that of a Spirit Being just as Yeshua explained to the woman at the well of Samaria.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. —John 4:24

As a Divine Being, He is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent simultaneously in every realm of creation. David spoke of his pervasive presence when he penned the immortal words of ***Psalms 139:7-12***. He therefore is able to search and know our hearts and our thoughts,

Jeremiah 17:9-10. Any attempt therefore to flee from His penetrating searchlight is nothing more than emulating Adam and Eve who tried to flee from the Divine presence on the day of their fall. ***Genesis 3:8-10***

The Bible presents Him as the Spirit of Elohim, God

*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: —**Matthew 3:16***

*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. —**Matthew 12:28***

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: —**Acts 2:17***

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. —**Romans 8:9***

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. —**Romans 8:14***

*Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. —**Romans 15:19***

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. —1 Corinthians 2:10-14

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? —1 Corinthians 3:16

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God—1 Corinthians 6:11

But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. —1 Corinthians 7:40

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. —1 Corinthians 12:3

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. — Ephesians 4:30

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: —1 John 4:2

He is also referred to as the Spirit of Yeshua for so indeed is He.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. —Romans 8:9

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. —Galatians 4:6

He proceeds from Yahweh and Yeshua.

2. He is Holy: Holy Spirit is what His name implies: Holy. His entire nature and manner of life is holy, pure and undefiled. Purporting to be filled with Him and yet living an unholy life is a contradiction of epic proportions. Knowing that He is everywhere, seeing, knowing and recording every act of obedience or disobedience will cause the saints to walk in soberness and holiness every minute of every day. This knowledge is critical in birthing the Omega Church of the end times that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing (See *Ephesians 5:25-27*.)

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: —Romans 1:4

3. He is a Person with a unique Personality: In this regard, He is relational, in unbroken Communion with Yahweh and Yeshua in that intricate mystery which no finite mind has full understanding of. That is why He yearns for intimate communion and fellowship with the redeemed and bares His heart, revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom and life to those who respond.

The Personhood of the Holy Spirit is a unique revelation central to Kingdom theology.

As a Person, Holy Spirit has a Mind:

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. —Romans 8:27

As a Person, Holy Spirit Has feelings and emotions. He can be hurt or grieved.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

As a Personality, the word teaches that He responds to negative attitudes and actions of saints. Spirit filled saints can mess up their relationship with Him.

Holy Spirit Is Who He Is as part of the Godhead and the Word is unequivocal about Him.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. —1 John 5:7

#.2. The 4 Immutable Attributes of Elohim

There are four immutable attributes which define the essence of Elohim, making Him Unique in all realms of Creation. Each of them equally applies to the Holy Spirit:

1. Omnipotent: By this we mean for Him to be Elohim, He is and will remain all powerful with inherent ability to do whatever He wants, experiencing no external limitations to exercise His power. In other words, Elohim can do all things which He desires to do. It was in exercise of His Omnipotence that Elohim created heaven and earth by His spoken word - Genesis 1. (See also *Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:27; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Timothy 6:15-16.*)

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. — Psalm 33:8-9

2. Omniscient: This is the ability of Elohim to know all things concerning all of His creation. Omniscience is a function of the infinite or limitless capacity of His mind. He alone knows and sees all things, simultaneously happening in the mind of all mankind. Elohim in effect knows the thoughts of all mankind without the need to consult them. All things are naked to Him who created them.

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. — Jeremiah 17:10

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. — 1 Corinthians 3:20

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. — Hebrews 4:12-13

Omnipresent: Consistent with His omnipotence and omniscience, Elohim is Omnipresent. This means that the presence of Elohim pervades all of His creation. He is everywhere, all the time. Elohim is transcendent and therefore beyond all forms of limitation of space or time. This attribute is largely because Elohim is a Spirit-being.

4. Omnibenevolent: He is merciful, loving and caring to all. He has made ample provision for all of His creation. This is made possible by His essential nature which is love which He exercises even when correcting or disciplining us. (See *Hebrews 12:4-11*.)

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. — Jeremiah 9:23-24

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. — Matthew 5:45

#.3. The Essence and Nature of Elohim shared by The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Certain qualities constitute His essential nature and attributes. By essence we mean what He is by His very nature. These are but a human attempt to grasp the reality of the Almighty as presented by Himself in His Holy Scriptures:

1. He is Love: Elohim is love is a theme that resonates in His creation, redemption and providential dealings with man. Love is the root of creation. He wanted to bring into being human kind to be the recipients of His fatherly affection. It is His love that draws us to Himself

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. —1 John 4:7-8

It was love which drove Elohim to be manifested in the Son as the Lamb Who takes away sins of the world as mediated by the Holy Spirit from conception till the resurrection:

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. — 1 John 4:9-13

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3:16

It is because of His love and mercy that we are sustained, even though the valley of the shadow of death. The more we know Him, the more this essence envelopes and transforms us until any contrary nature and quality is expunged and we become like Him. John the beloved was a man with a hot temper and an unforgiving spirit who even sought permission to wipe off a whole community because they opposed him and James.. He and James his brother conspired with their mother to appropriate the highest places of honour for themselves in the Kingdom. This same brother was so zealous for Yeshua, Jesus that the spirit of intolerance and sectarianism crept in and he tried to forbid other people from working miracles in His name. By the time Yeshua, Jesus Who Is Love personified was through with John there was no room for any nature or message other than love in Him (See **Mark 9:38-41; Matthew 20:20-28, 1 John 3:10-23; 1 John 4:7-21.**)

2. Holy: Elohim is holy, pure, undefiled with sin or corruption of any sort. All the thoughts of His heart are pure and so are His acts.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. — 1 Peter 1:15-16

Because He is Holy, **James 1:13-16** warns that no one should ever purport to be tempted by Elohim to commit sin.

3. Transcendent: He is beyond the limitations of time and space. Time proceeded from His eternal being. Space came into being from the depths of His imagination and He spoke it into being. For this reason, Elohim can do anything, anywhere, all the same time.

4. Just and True: Everything about Elohim is just and true. He is fair, equitable, right and true in all His decisions and actions. Within Elohim is the ultimate standard of judgment of what is right or wrong. This qualifies Him to be the judge of all the earth – (See **Genesis 18:26; 1 Peter 1:17; Daniel 4:37.**)

5. Immortal: Elohim is eternal, without beginning and cannot die or expire. Life proceeds from Him and returns to Him for judgment. (See **Timothy 6:15-16; Daniel 4:34.**)

*And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. — **Revelation 20:11-12***

6. Infinite: Elohim is limitless in thought and knowledge. The depths and heights of His mind cannot be fathomed. This presents us with the reality that what we know or can ever imagine is but a speck of who He truly is.

7. Elohim has a definite personality and will act as it pleases Him. As a person Elohim thinks, has a preference of what He likes, dislikes and hates. He can feel, touch, guide and walk with His own. If you want to walk acceptably with Elohim, be ready to please Him and He will supply the grace for this dream to be translated into reality – (See *Genesis 1:26; Genesis 6:1-10.*)

8. Wise and Intelligent: Elohim is the spring and source of all wisdom and intelligence. He is the master designer of human life and all of the creation (See *1Timothy 1:17; Jeremiah 29:11. Psalm 139:13-16.*)

9. Supreme: Elohim is the Supreme Being who has ultimate authority over everything in all of creation; visible and invisible. All power belongs to Him and He causes who He grants the ability to exercise dominion. *Genesis 1:26-30.*

No one can ever dream of being a leader outside of Him otherwise certain judgment follows as Belshazzar discovered in *Daniel 5:1-31*, like his father Nebuchadnezzar before him - *Daniel 4:1-37.*

10. Creator: Elohim created all things in heaven and on earth. Genesis Lesson 1 reveals in clear detail the process whereby He spoke this world into being out of nothing.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. — Hebrews 11:3

11. Compassionate and Merciful: The Elohim we worship is compassionate and full of mercy. He knows the weakness of our frame and makes provision for them through His heart of mercy Psalm 103:1-18. This nature of Elohim cannot be a license for His people to remain in bondage to Satan and sin. If any saint despises the blood that bought them, the door will be open to a reprobate heart condition (See *Hebrews 6:1-9.*)

Assignment.

Please briefly summarize 5 attributes of the Holy Spirit which confirms that He is part of the Godhead.

Lesson 6: The Holy Spirit and the Alpha Church (part 1)

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they lost the kingdom and thereby enthroned Satan as the god of this world. In the mind of Elohim, it had been settled before creation that the way to redeem humanity would be the Incarnation and sacrifice of Yeshua as the Lamb (**Revelation 13:8b**). After the Old Testament ran its course, in the fullness of time, the Incarnation took place by the power of the Holy Spirit as has been discussed in an earlier Lesson.

The Incarnation was but a part of the process leading to recovery of the Kingdom. The first fruit of the earthly mission of Yeshua, Jesus would be emergence of His Bride and Body in the earth realm. To this spiritual entity would be granted the rare privilege of being the agency the Holy Spirit of Elohim would use to expand access to the Kingdom by lost humanity until the Day of days when Yeshua would return physically to rule and reign in the blessed Kingdom of Elohim, God.

While Yeshua was with the disciples, their minds could not comprehend the reality that there would be a Church age that would precede the end. On two occasions, their ignorance and expectations were addressed by Yeshua, Jesus. The first was when He set His face towards Jerusalem.

*And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.¹² He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. **Luke 19:11-13***

In outlining the parable of the noble man who went to a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and return, Yeshua, Jesus was speaking of the process that would lead to establishment of the Kingdom. For Him, the responsibility of the Church should be to use the assets of heaven (the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit to complete the assignment until He returns. That assignment has been ongoing for 2000 years.

Before He completed His earthly/bodily assignment, Yeshua, Jesus introduced the Third Personality of the Godhead and the reality that He would empower the Kingdom Church to be His witness in the earth realm. A previous lesson documented His teachings on the Holy Spirit in great detail.

The Alpha Church was activated by the Holy Spirit. No human reasoning, planning or action was involved in the process. The available vessels of individuals or groups of people were used by Him, just as it pleased the Lord.

Heaven was proposing a new way of life on earth. It was not like the old which was based on humans being in charge of their own lives and going into a specific building on certain “holy” days to encounter Elohim. It was no longer going to be about human worshippers constructing a long list of desires to present to Him for solutions. This was going to be a radically new way of life in which Elohim would make His residence within His saints by His indwelling Spirit within their spirit-man. In this new dispensation, the objective driver of life would be Holy Spirit, evidently in charge to steer saints in the direction ordained by heaven. Their hearts would be pure having been delivered from idols of ambition and carnal desires and where their carnal senses are crucified. These saints would live like sons of Elohim, satisfied with His direction and provisions.

Desiring to get this point well settled and avoid having the disciples misrepresenting Him, Yeshua conducted a 40-day School of Ministry after His resurrection to give them deeper insights into how to live the Kingdom life based on these principles on this side of eternity. It was a lifestyle He had clearly articulated in the epic Sermon on the Mount. He had made it clear that to truly live the Kingdom life until He returns to set up its manifest phase as King of kings, saints needed to approach the Kingdom with a singleness of eye which trumped every other affection in life (See **Matthew 7:19-34; Luke 19:11-27.**) It is in this context that this foundational passage is situated for the Alpha Church. As the End Time or Omega Church, it is critical that we have an understanding of these Kingdom life concepts, lest we veer into vain religion and religiosity, masquerading as “revival.”. After the resurrection which finally confirmed the deity of Yeshua, the disciples would have been bubbling with excitement and energy. However, their Jewish mindset wondered if it was now time to finally restore the Kingdom. The answer of Yeshua re-emphasized what He said in **Luke 19**: there is work to be done and should be done until the Day the Father has set for manifestation of the Kingdom is due.

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 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. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. —Acts 1:1-11

Judging from what Holy Spirit revealed to Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:6**, Yeshua spoke to about 500 people on that day. Of the 500 who heard Him, only 120 obeyed the instruction to wait for the infilling of Holy Spirit

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)—Acts 1:15

In giving them the instruction, Yeshua did not tell them how long their wait for infilling of Holy Spirit was going to be. Their motives and obedience needed to be tested. Ten days later, the fountain of the deep of heaven broke. The deed was done with precision as recorded in the second lesson of Acts of the Apostles.

And when the day of Pentecost was 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 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 2:1-4

The Alpha Church was birthed dramatically during Shavuot (also known as Pentecost), the Hebraic Feast which took place 50 days after Pass Over. . On that day, something dramatic happened to show the essential difference between the New and Old Covenants. On the day Moses received the Torah, the people were too impatient to wait for him and thus slid into the flesh. 3000 people perished as a result of the sin and judgment thereof. Sin attracted Judgment.

*And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.— **Exodus 32:1-8***

*And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, who is on the Lord's side? And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from the gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. —**Exodus 32:25-29***

On the day of Shavuot when Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 who diligently obeyed Yeshua, in waiting for the Promise of the Father, 3000 people received the gift of eternal life. Sinners plugged into the dispensation of Grace and were saved from judgment.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. —Acts 2:37-41

Some of those who went forth without the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit were only able to produce partial results in the quality of Christians they raised. One of such products was the eloquent but powerless Apollos. It took an insignificant but spirit-filled couple with a marketplace calling, Priscilla and Aquila, to teach Apollos the full truth.

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. —Acts 18:24-26

It also took a visit by the Spirit filled Paul who walked in the fullness of the understanding of the Person and Power of the Holy Spirit before the Church at Ephesus was brought to maturity. Before then they only had a “half gospel.”

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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. —Acts 19:1-6

Everything in the Alpha Church was by the Holy Spirit, also called the Holy Ghost. A brief survey of references to Him in the Acts of the Apostles is instructive. Please take time to read up the context of each reference to see the glorious way Holy Spirit was pervasive in life of the early Church.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. —Acts 2:38

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, —Acts 4:8

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

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? —Acts 5:3

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. —Acts 5:32

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. —Acts 6:3 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch — Acts 6:5

Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. —Acts 7:51

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, —Acts 7:55

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: — Acts 8:15

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. —Acts 8:17

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

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied. —Acts 9:31

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. —Acts 10:44-45

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? —Acts 10:47

And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. —Acts 11:15-16

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. —Acts 11:24

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. So, they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. —Acts 13:2, 4

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. —Acts 13:9

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. —Acts 13:52

And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; —Acts 15:8

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; —Acts 15:28

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, —Acts 16:6

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. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. —Acts 19:2,6

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. —Acts 20:23

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. —Acts 20:28

And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. —Acts 21:11

And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, —Acts 28:25

In all these situations, the Alpha Church simply emulated its Master, Yeshua who did all things by Holy Spirit.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. —Acts 10:38

Functioning in the full strength of the Holy Spirit, it was not long before the Alpha Church upset the natural order of things, turning the then world upside down by His power at work inside of the saints as testified by people in Thessalonica.

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; —Acts 17:6

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarize how the Holy Spirit of Elohim played a critical role in the early Church.

2. Cite any 5 of the scriptures in this lesson to support your viewpoints.

Lesson 7: The Holy Spirit and the Alpha Church (Part 2)

Following from what we learned in the previous lesson, it is needful that we press in to ascertain the breadth and scope of the relationship which subsisted between the Holy Spirit and the Early (Alpha) Church. Let us examine the kind of relationship the Alpha Church enjoyed with Him which should in turn challenge us, the Omega Church, to do likewise.

1. Holy Spirit only came on them to activate the Alpha Church when the 120 were in one accord in one place. Their diverse agendas, personalities and perspectives needed to be streamlined and bonded before they could receive this Holy Personality from heaven.

And when the day of Pentecost was 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 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 2:1-4

The ten days in which Yeshua left them for heaven were days of detoxifying some of the worldly attitudes lingering within them such as the flip-flop character of Peter who went fishing when Yeshua was away (See **John 21:1-4**); the raw ambitions of James and John for places of honour (See **Matthew 20:20-28**) and other such things. They needed to stay together, reflecting on the death, resurrection and ascension of Yeshua and apprehend the reality that they were a called out and set apart people. In the ten days of waiting on their Lord, He did a mighty thing in their lives as they bonded to the degree of being truly one, loving each other just as their Lord had prayed in **John 13:34-35** and **John 17:20-22**. The result was that when Peter rose up to propose what to do about replacing Judas Iscariot, there was consensus in accepting same. **Acts 1:14-26**

2. The Holy Spirit transformed lives of the disciples. From fearful followers of Yeshua, who ran away in His hour of death (except John) and Peter who specifically denied Him three times, Holy Spirit delivered them from the debilitating power of fear and transformed them into courageous witnesses who boldly proclaimed the gospel.

The boldness of Peter on the day of Pentecost and after the healing of the man at the beautiful gate was remarkable. **Acts chapters 2, 3, 4**. This account is eye opening.

*And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,⁹ If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;¹⁰ 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.¹¹ This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:6-13***

3. Fruitful ministry. All that Yeshua taught the disciples and the three and half years' training began to manifest from the day of Pentecost in fruitful ministry, exceeding the wildest imagination of humans. On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached so powerfully by the Spirit at work in him that 3000 souls were saved.

*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. **Acts 2:41-47***

After healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, 5000 souls were saved.

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Acts 4:4

This pattern of fruitfulness was not confined to the 12. One of the Deacons, Philip, whose assignment in the Jerusalem church was to distribute food and welfare related issues was used by the Holy Spirit to convert the city of Samaria.

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.⁶ And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.⁸ And there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:4-8

The exploits which the Holy Spirit manifested through the ministry of Paul the Apostle in expanding the scope of the gospel of the Kingdom throughout the Roman empire are well documented in Acts of the Apostles. Two outcomes need to be noted here. The first is that he preached right up to the heart of the empire, the Palace of the Caesars where some members of the household were saved.

All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household. Philippians 4:22

The second was the testimony of some Gentiles about the power of the gospel preached.

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Acts 17:6

4. In the Alpha Church, receiving Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure was a second divine encounter and experience, normally subsequent to salvation. The initial evidence of this infilling was the 'strange act' of speaking in an unknown and unlearned tongue. We shall discuss the issue of tongues in a comprehensive manner in one of the lessons. That Baptism in Holy Spirit as a second experience is clearly evident all through the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. —Acts 2:38-39

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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.—Acts 19:1-7

In salvation, seekers encountered Elohim in Yeshua. In Baptism of Holy Spirit, they experienced Elohim with Holy Spirit taking over their surrendered faculties. All those in the Alpha Church accepted and lived in this reality, without exception. The prophecy of John the Baptist was very clear:

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:—

Matthew 3:11

Caveat: Let us take note, however, in His Sovereignty, Holy Spirit has no set formula as to how and when He comes upon those whose hearts yearn intensely for Elohim. He can and does bypass protocol and can come upon people anywhere and anyhow including in kitchens, living rooms and in public arenas. Look at the dramatic case of the household of Cornelius which shocked Peter.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. —Acts 10:44-48

Those who try to dictate specific ways Holy Spirit should fill saints may need to read the reaction of some leaders of the Alpha Church to what happened in the house of Cornelius:

*And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: — **Acts 11:1-5***

*And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. —**Acts 11:15-18***

5. Holy Spirit was not denominated. The Alpha Church started as one united entity and remained in that state. The early Church knew the power of unity which Yeshua prayed earnestly for. Denominationalism puts Him in a box and hems Him in to serve a group. Holy Spirit works best by using human vessels as catalysts for transforming those within their spheres of influence and the cultures in which they are situated. Both in practice and doctrine, they posited that the presence and power of Holy Spirit was not to release on any of them the license to create schism. None was encouraged to use Him to make a name for themselves or build a personality cult called “ministry.”

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.—1 Corinthians 3:1-8

Therefore, let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. —1 Corinthians 3:21-23

This then is the paradox of Pentecostalism. In the process of trying to denominate Holy Spirit, those who were supposed to be filled with Holy Spirit created systemic disorder which place emphasis not on Him and the Body but on individuals seeking their exclusive spaces. The result is that till today, Pentecostals are the most divided part of the Body of Yeshua and the most difficult to lead with each leader wanting to be an infallible “pope” in their own turf. Instead of releasing the grace in their vessels by the presence of Holy Spirit to build up the Body in the form of Five-fold led and spiritual gift themed organisms, the Pentecostal system has elevated “one-manship” into a high art. The result is a slew of mono or dual gift ministries which do not reflect the fullness of Yeshua.

6.Saints of the Alpha Church were totally sold out to evident leadership of Holy Spirit in all things.

Like Paul said in **Romans 12:1 and Galatians 2:20**, Holy Spirit used their surrendered and wholly yielded vessels to do whatever Elohim ordained and desired. In doing so, Holy Spirit was evidently in charge, and they knew they were nothing but vessels. They had no personal agenda, ideas or concepts for Him to rubber stamp. Their hearts, minds and physical beings were wholly at His disposal to live in, rule, direct and use. This state of life was the grand secret which made them powerful as there was no basis for self-projection or seeking self-glory.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.—1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Ordinary beings, including unlearned fishermen whose only qualification was affiliation with Yeshua, Jesus were used by an Omnipotent Holy Spirit to literally shake cities and the then known world.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.—Acts 4:13

They filled Jerusalem with the preaching of Yeshua, Jesus and rattled Hebrew Religious leaders.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.
—**Acts 5:27-28**

These “nobodies” were accused of turning the world upside down in Thessalonica, one of the chief commercial cities of the age:

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also. —**Acts 17: 6**

7. Saints in the Alpha Church knew that it was a visible manifestation of the Kingdom of Elohim.
They therefore heeded the counsel of Yeshua.

a. Much as they respected civil authorities and kings, they had primal loyalty to Yeshua, Jesus as King of kings.

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. **Acts 4:18-20**

Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. —**Acts 17:7**

b. They sought first the Kingdom above all else including what they needed for their welfare.
Matthew 6:25-34

c. They were single eyed in serving Elohim and the Kingdom, giving no room for anything to deflect their attention. ***Matthew 6:19-24***

d. Holy Spirit enabled them to preach and demonstrate Yeshua, Jesus, the Kingdom, and requesting humans everywhere to make the switch of primary loyalty from worldly kings to Yeshua; and accept the citizenship of the Kingdom of Elohim offered freely by His shed Blood.

8. They never promoted the symbols of religion in any way:

- They did not have a small dedicated professional priestly caste which ministered to a large, consumerist dormant laity. Every saint was taught to be part of the organic Church and kingdom of priests and kings ***1 Peter 2:9***.

- They rejected the false religious notion that Elohim could only be found inside temples of brick and mortar. They met everywhere, preached everywhere and achieved the same kind of results. ***Mark 16:15-20***.

- They did not glorify certain days as 'holy' when people 'felt the presence of God' and other days as ordinary where people could live any how they liked.

- They did not regard the work of those in the Market Place as secular. Their presence and participation sanctified their workplaces. Paul was even a Tent maker as were Aquila and Priscilla ***Acts 18:2-3***.

Under the unction of Holy Spirit, the Alpha Church believed and taught that saints are a Kingdom of priests and kings who are dedicated for His glory and use in the now. They also believed that they would rule and reign with Him in a literal sense in the world to come when Yeshua returns ***(See Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10.)***

Religion intruded into the gospel in Rome, about 300 years later. It was in Rome, over 300 years later, where the great switch happened. This was when the establishment in Rome led by Emperor Constantine sealed the marriage of State (which started with his predecessors) and the larger wing of the Alpha Church which had suffered and fainted under intense persecution. The majority of saints were so weary that they rejoiced in the 'peace' they would enjoy from State patronage. That is how the Roman Catholic system of Christian religion was birthed. The remnant who were not persuaded went underground suffering rejection but strengthened by Holy Spirit.

Roman 11:1-6.

9. Holy Spirit filled their hearts with love of Elohim and minds with certainty of the superiority of what He offers His own as opposed to whatever the world could offer to the degree that they willingly embraced rejection, suffering, pain and martyrdom. They neither complained nor made a fuss about any dimension of suffering that was appointed them.

Stephen: On the day he sealed his testimony with blood, here is how Holy Spirit led this brother in a positive attitude:

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. —Acts 7:55-60

Paul: in his writing to his protégé Timothy, reveals the positive attitude Holy Spirit released through a brother who was about to suffer beheading/de-capitation for the testimony of Yeshua:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. —2 Timothy 4:6-8

Peter: a man who was about to be crucified (allegedly upside down) for the sake of Yeshua, Jesus embraced his fire with great grace.

Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.—2 Peter 1:14-16

Their attitude to death revealed that they knew it was not a fatal experience but a doorway to the triumphant state as **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. —2 Corinthians 5:1

10. Holy Spirit enabled the Alpha Church to function as a living, loving organism tapping into the grace He imparts through all saints. Usage of Spiritual gifts became the life wire of the Church. *(See Romans 12:5-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:7-10; 13-16.)*

11. Holy Spirit imparted special grace ordained by Yeshua on certain vessels – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers - The Five-Fold. Their specific assignment was to be used by Him to perfect saints and equip them for works of ministry as a Royal Priesthood. By releasing and receiving of grace from each other, the whole Body made increase of itself in love.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.—Ephesians 4:15-16

12. Holy Spirit administered the Law of Process on the Alpha Church just as He did on creation morning. He processed the Alpha Church from a state of infancy and raw manifestation of His gifts to a state of maturity.

a. By the time leadership needed to expand, He gave wisdom for activation of the Diaconate in **Acts 6:1-7.**

b. At the Jerusalem Council, He inspired them to reject the attempt of Judaizers to foist the cultural yoke on Gentiles **Acts 15:1-30**

c. When the apostles were limited by cultural strongholds in the mind from fulfilling the Great Commission, Yeshua specifically arrested Paul and committed to him the Divine Master Plan of the Church and the consequences for getting it right or wrong. 1 **Corinthians 3:10-15.** The Church, including Peter acknowledged the special grace in him (**See 2 Peter 3:15-16.**)

13. They individually and collectively had real Communion with Holy Spirit –It was a vibrant personal relationship. In this state, they knew Him, heard His voice and responded to His feelings and guidance

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.—Acts 13:1-3

They could not miss it in the business of “Go Ye” because He guided every step of the way. There were times when everything appeared to be rosy for a mission opportunity but once He said no, they did not struggle to obey.

*After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the **Spirit** suffered them not. Acts 16:7*

14.They received His Person and Power. Holy Spirit came to dwell inside of them and from that centre of their lives, release the unsurpassable power of Divinity. The focus was on what He could use their surrendered vessels to accomplish in fulfilling the Great Commission. They never used Him as a showstopper of how many tongues could be spoken neither was noise making an index of His presence.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. —John 14:12

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8

His Presence in their lives was certainly about Divinity using human vessels exponentially.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me. —Philippians 4:13

15. For the Alpha Church, life was to be an experience in the School of Holy Spirit and the Word.

They continually dwelt in His presence and in the Word. With this posture, the Alpha Church was humble before Elohim and therefore, drew down the fullness of His grace and power as they learned from Him the mysteries of heaven which they apprehended by faith. In this regard, they did not rest on a historic baptism in the Holy Spirit but enjoyed fresh infilling when the need arose (such as in the face of rejection and persecution).

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.³¹ 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 4:29-31.

Lesson 8: What He Does. Assignments of the Holy Spirit

In a course like this, it is safe to repeat some truths until they sink in.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Philippians 3:1

In His great exposition of the things to come, Yeshua, Jesus took time to explain the Person, Character and Assignment of the Holy Spirit. We have already discussed some and will discuss more in greater detail. In this lesson, we will discuss 8 aspects of the work of Holy Spirit from the teachings of Yeshua:

1. Primary Instrument of Regeneration/Conversion. To become part of the family of Elohim, repentance from sin has to take place first. To repent would be hinged on the ministry of Holy Spirit to convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment and lead them to appropriate the Blood shed at the Cross. This process, mediated by Holy Spirit is what makes conversion from sinner to saint possible.

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.—John 16:8-12

*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **Ephesians 2:1-5***

The redemption process is incomplete until an earnest of the Spirit (down payment) is imparted into the spirit-man. This guarantees that the vessel will be filled to the brim in future. More importantly, the seal is the sign of Elohim's ownership and guarantee of participation in the rapture or first resurrection.

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. —2 Corinthians 1:22

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. —2 Corinthians 5:5

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. —Ephesians 1:14

2. Resident Elohim. He is the personality in the Godhead Who is ordained to stay inside of the vessels of each saint that is part of the Body and Bride of Yeshua, Jesus (The Church). This was a critical revelation marking a departure of the Old Testament norm in which Holy Spirit 'visited' or came upon specific vessels at times appointed by Yahweh for the purpose of doing His will. In the Old Testament, the visible sign of Ruach Ha Chodesh (Holy Spirit) was the Menorah in the Holiest of Holies whose Light was never to be extinguished for a moment. Here, only the High Priest had access, once a year. In the New Covenant, a superior dispensation was manifested in that the Elohim of the whole universe makes the hearts of the redeemed part of His dwelling place and throne. Holy Spirit was not just to 'come on' but would now "dwell in" the saint.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. —John 14:15-18

Making His dwelling inside of the saint creates a scenario where He flows from "inside out" rather than from "outside in." Many saints have refused to walk in this paradigm and are thus pressed by religion to seek some external, carnal manifestations including goose bumps and music, just like in the Old Testament times, before they can release faith to "sense His presence." Talk of starting in the Spirit and ending up in the Flesh.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)—
John 7:37-39

While thirsting for Him would determine how much of Him saints would drink, all who are called by His Name have their beings as His Temple. Of this thirsting and degrees of infilling, we shall say more in a subsequent lesson.

1. Instrument of making us live holy lives. The Holy Spirit sanctifies the saint spirit, soul and body with the Word of Elohim, Blood of the Lamb and enablement when we go through trials. He Who began the awesome work of redemption does not abandon us but continues to sanctify.

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: **Philippians 1:6***

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24***

One of the ways He keeps us holy is by enabling us to maintain a lively conscience which is conscious of the holy standards of Elohim in thought, word and deed.

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good **conscience**, and of faith unfeigned... Holding faith, and a good **conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: **1 Timothy 1:5, 19***

*Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure **conscience**. 1 Timothy 3:9*

Whenever we are faced with choices, the Holy Spirit guides us to choose that which makes for holy living. 1 Peter 1: 15-16. If saints need motivation to live holy unto the thrice Holy Elohim, nothing makes the case more than the consciousness of their being as His very temple.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's—1 Corinthians 6:19-20

3. Comforter. In His capacity as resident manifestation of Elohim, Holy Spirit is the principal instrument of comfort and care of the redeemed. This is why Yeshua, Jesus urged His disciples to cease from sorrow over His imminent departure.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. —John 14:14-18 ,25-26

Then and there, Jesus revealed a mystery of the ages: in the body that was prepared for Him, He was limited to function in one place at a time. His exit would usher in the era when the Holy Spirit, who has no corporeal body, would indwell the physical bodies of all true believers and through them manifest all that Yeshua is in terms of His nature and power. The Father was making a master stroke statement concerning saints: with Divinity on the inside, none of His offspring should be destabilized by anything on the external.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.—John 16:7

Those who receive this assignment of the Holy Spirit can walk through the valley of the shadow of darkness without fear. They cannot crumble under the weight of issues; the fires of life cannot burn them neither can the waters of life sink their vessels. They learn to respond with 'it is well' to every negative news or development they encounter.

4. Teacher: Yeshua also made it clear that Holy Spirit would take His place and teach us all truth. Ideally, Christian scholarship is not so much as the ability to conduct research as it is to humbly and prayerfully inquire of the Holy Spirit and learn from Him so that we gain insight and revelation of the Word of Truth which He inspired in the first place.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. John 16: 13

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:25-26

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **John 16:12-15***

5. Affirmer of Yeshua. He has the core assignment of glorifying Yeshua in the midst of the Church and the world. While on earth, Yeshua glorified Yahweh His Father. This is why He did not clutch at His glory but rather laid it aside to focus on revealing Yahweh to those who were willing to listen. In the same way, after Yeshua's departure to heaven, Holy Spirit is now engaged in revealing and glorifying Yeshua to His Body. It is not possible to truly know the Messiah both in terms of understanding and experiencing Him without illumination of The Holy Spirit.

*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.—**John 16:12-15***

Those who travail to be filled with the Holy Spirit and anointed for the purpose of becoming famous, wealthy or to grow their own 'churches' miss the point. This is also why any so-called minister who depreciates the Person or redemptive mission of Yeshua cannot by any stretch of imagination claim to be inspired of the Holy Spirit.

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. —**1 Corinthians 12:3***

6. Empower saints. He empowers the saints to demonstrate Yeshua in all aspects and areas of Kingdom influence assigned to them in the earth realm. For this reason, Yeshua, Jesus commanded His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem until they were endued with the Person and power of the Holy Spirit. He wanted all saint to operate in the earth realm as He operated: vessels filled with and used by the Holy Spirit to manifest the unsurpassable powers of divinity. He did not come to found Christian Religion but to bring the supernatural powers of Heaven down to the earth realm. Being purchased of the Blood is by the same measure an invitation to come out of religion and receive Holy Spirit Who will use us to be catalysts of true change.

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. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:4-8

With this vital divine equipment, saints are guaranteed a measure of divinity and the ability to effectively represent Yeshua, Jesus anywhere and everywhere as His witnesses and ambassadors of His eternal Kingdom.

7. Restorer and affirmer of sonship. There is need to add one critical ministry of Holy Spirit in the earth realm. He assures those who respond to His work and make the transition from natural living that they are now sons of Elohim. He guides their lives and distinguishes them from the mass of humanity. In other words, the estate of sonship which was lost in Adam and recovered by Yeshua is dispensed to those who receive and walk in the Holy Spirit.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:12-13

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8:14-19

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Galatians 4:1-7

We cannot understand the full inheritance we have in Yeshua without the Holy Spirit: restoration of the estate of being sons of Elohim and the glorious state of being that Adam and Eve were before they lost it to take on the sin nature of Satan. Yeshua demonstrated Sonship. The grand plan of Elohim now is to re-populate the earth realm with sons like Him who are motivated by love to take full responsibility for the estate of their heavenly Father..

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; —**Hebrews 2:9-14***

You have heard religious presentations of Holy Spirit which led to denominating Him and more confusion. In this book, Holy Spirit wants us to receive a holistic Biblical presentation of He who transforms sinners to be not just believers but empowers them to be sons of Elohim - just like Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm. Oh, what a glorious plan that we, who were dead in sins and trespasses would have the privilege of being called sons of God.

Transitions in relationship with Elohim

It is significant that Yeshua showed the disciples their transition from servants to friends based on obeying His commandments.

*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.¹² This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. **John 15:10-15***

When He completed the redemption assignment on the Cross and rose from the dead, the deal of sonship was sealed! The redeemed would now function as sons of Elohim and brethren of Yeshua, the Ultimate Son!

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.¹⁷ Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. **John 20:15-17***

That explains why the same Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son is released to indwell the saints.

*And because ye are **sons**, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of** his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. **Galatians 4:6***

*But he that **is** joined unto the Lord **is one spirit** **1 Corinthians 6:17***

*For as many as are led by the **Spirit of** God, they are the **sons of** God. **Romans 8:14***

Assignment.

- 1. Please briefly summarise any 4 of the assignments of the Holy Spirit of Elohim. Cite relevant scriptures in this lesson to support your viewpoints.*
- 2. Please briefly summarise any 8 of the ways the Alpha Church related with the Holy Spirit of Elohim. Cite the relevant scriptures to support.*

Lesson 9: What He Does (Part A): Assignments of the Holy Spirit

To strip away the layers of religion and the effects of the attempts to denominate the Holy Spirit, we need to come in to a proper understanding of the full extent of His assignment in bringing the Church to be, not just on the day of Pentecost but more importantly, how He has maintained it as the Body of Yeshua ever since. We will therefore need to examine how the Holy Spirit becomes the principal agent of turning sinners to saints and His deeper ministry in the lives of believers.

An unnecessary controversy

This topic is critical because the issues herein lie at the heart of the unnecessary rift between the so-called “Evangelicals” and the so-called

“Pentecostals.”

Evangelicals are those who have accepted certain aspects of the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit in their lives such as His refining and transformative work and rejected other aspects. They accept fully two of the four dimensions that we will examine in this part of the study. Due to the Evangelicals' acceptance of the work of Holy Spirit in transforming character and uniting saints into the Body, they tend to live 'better' Christian lives than their Pentecostal brethren.

Unfortunately, because they dogmatically refuse the fourth dimension, which is manifestation of His Power, they are unable to demonstrate the gospel in signs, wonders, and miracles, robbing themselves and humanity of a vital blessing given by Yeshua, Jesus.

On the other hand, Pentecostals tend to put a high premium on His power to the extent that they literally devalue two critical dimensions of the work of the Holy Spirit, the transforming and uniting operations, causing the Lord Yeshua, Jesus so much grief with less than noble character and extreme divisiveness. While they operate in signs, wonders and the miraculous, Pentecostals tend to display inadequacies of character by being prone to divisiveness and disunity. Everyone thus becomes his own lord, accountable to no one.

Yeshua is calling on His elect remnant to shun this unnecessary hair spitting. Holy Spirit was given to regenerate us from a life of Sin, perfect us in the nature and character of Yeshua our Head, unite the Body of believers in the faith and make us instruments for demonstrating His unsurpassable power. We are to be both Evangelical and Pentecostal in lifestyle and ministry, receiving all the Lord has for us through the Holy Spirit Who is the divinely given Teacher, Advocate, Guide, Comforter and Anointer. For that reason, we will allow Him to show us where both camps get it wrong foundationally by not emphasizing the critical nature of His word in bringing the New Creation into being.

Dimension #.1 Of Anointing of Holy Spirit: Seal of Our Redemption

Yahweh our Father who seeks reconciliation with lost Humanity, offered Yeshua as His Lamb to pay the price for the original sin of Adam. This divine plan remains unfulfilled until Holy Spirit goes to work in the hearts of those ordained for salvation. No matter how many times a sinner hears the gospel, the eloquence of the preacher cannot change his/her heart. A sinner can hear enticing words of human wisdom, feel emotionally agitated, become a 'member' and even 'worker' in a local congregation and yet remain unsaved.

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. —1 Corinthians 2:4-5

A sinner can come to a congregation and attend regularly with friends and family for weeks, months and years and yet remain unchanged where it matters most: the heart or spirit-man. This is so because unless Holy Spirit engages with the process, salvation is impossible. No Holy Spirit, no salvation, period. That is the way Elohim ordained it. This truth accounts for why there are multitudes who 'go to Church' regularly but are not part of the true Church.

Let us examine the specific ways Holy Spirit enables sinners to appropriate the shed blood to become saints:

1. Holy Spirit convicts a sinner of sin, righteousness and judgment. ***John 16:8, Ephesians 2:1.***
Without this conviction, a sinner thinks of his/her sin in relative terms and fails to see the weight of the evil nature which Elohim's pure eyes cannot behold. It is this conviction which starts up the conversion process.

- b. Once a sinner is under the weight of conviction, Holy Spirit steps further in to show Yeshua, Jesus as the only solution. In a split moment of time or over a process of time, Holy Spirit quickens the convicted sinner to see Yeshua, Jesus and the shed Blood as atonement made on his/her behalf.
- c. Under the weight of conviction and with faith activated by Holy Spirit, the sinner presses on to confess sins, repent of them and ask Yahweh for mercy. In line with the word, as the sinner repents in the heart, declares faith in Yeshua, the Father accepts and pardons him/her and he/she becomes saved. ***John 3:16; Romans 10:6-13***
- d. At that point of salvation, Holy Spirit brings assurance that one is a New Creation 2 ***Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:15-16***. To make this assurance real, a measure of the Holy Spirit is given to the believer. That measure is a “seal” that says: “Elohim owns this one” and a clear guarantee that he or she will be preserved until they are taken up by Yeshua at the first resurrection or during the rapture ***(See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55.)***
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. —Romans 8:9*

This scripture has been used unconsciously by many who denominate the Pentecostal experience to destroy the faith of many young believers who while yet seeking for baptism of Holy Spirit are given the impression that they are not yet 'fully saved'. Some go into anxiety and despair which negates their faith to receive the Holy Spirit. Some even go into depression. The vast majority of Christians rely on this misapplication of scripture as an excuse to be idle and unproductive as a 'dormant laity', waiting until when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit to be of any use. By breaching a spiritual principle of denying what they have received, they end up as consumerist fans of 'anointed' ministers who they see as closer to Elohim thereby making them their mediators along with Yeshua.

The above scripture speaks of the seal measure of Holy Spirit as further evidenced by the following scriptures:

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. —2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 5:5

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. —Ephesians 1:12-14

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. —Ephesians 4:30

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. —1 Corinthians 6:17

Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2:19

A careful look at **Romans chapter 8**, reveals that it is not addressing the issue of being filled with Holy Spirit as a second experience after salvation but a life in the Spirit whereby saints are encouraged to give up their self-driven lives. The overall thrust of the message is that if they give up direction of their own lives and surrender themselves to the leading and direction of Holy Spirit, they will grow to live as sons, enjoying their relationship with The Father.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:—Romans 8:5-16

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. —Galatians 4:6-7

As the seal of Redemption, Holy Spirit takes His office as the Peace, Comforter, Advocate of the redeemed of the Lord as Yeshua, Jesus Himself promised in **John 14:16-18**.

Outcomes of the Seal Measure of the Holy Spirit

When the Holy Spirit seals a newly born again, these outcomes are manifested.

1. The seal measure of Holy Spirit is the first logical outcome of true salvation by grace, not human effort, when Holy Spirit does the work of changing us from inside out. Our spirit-man or heart is changed by Him.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: —Ephesians 2:1-8

2. The seal measure results in the root/basic spiritual gift(s) being imparted to define the new believer's spiritual identity.

On the day when the sinner is sealed into or joined to the Body of Yeshua, root spiritual gifts are also imparted. The root gifts, which may be evident or dormant depending on the degree of light in the word which they may be exposed to, define their spiritual functions as part of a living loving organism.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. —Ephesians 4:15-16

Root gifts are also known as basic or general service gifts, a phrase popularized by the Chair of Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, Dr Cosmas Ilechukwu. Basic spiritual gifts are what the Lord, in exercise of His sovereignty, makes saints to be in the Body of Yeshua. In other words, these are the gifts that the Holy Spirit imparts in each saint to be in, part of and build up the Body. The duty of a saint is not to yearn for what others have but to discover what they are already wired to be, accept the same and yield to the Holy Spirit to use as a vessel to manifest them to meet the needs of others and the entirety of the congregation of Elohim's people. We believe that the root gifts are found in **Romans 12:4-8**

- **Prophecy** - Ability to prophesy to edify, exhort and comfort the saints; capacity to be a vessel through which Elohim brings forth His counsel to His people. The Body of Yeshua, Jesus is a prophetic entity where there is a free flow of revelatory gifts that can be released by the majority of saints. This is why even young saints in their teen years who are not yet filled with the Holy Spirit are able to release profound words that reveal the mind of the Father.
- **Ministry/Service** - Ability to serve others joyfully with the right spirit.

- **Teaching** - Ability to use the Word of Elohim to teach others and instruct in righteousness. This is not the Fivefold office gift but rather an innate capacity to share the word with others that bring illumination, clarity and enables them to understand better. It is always edifying to see young teenagers who are born again exercise this root gift.
- **Exhortation** - Ability to encourage and stir up the spirits of brethren.
- **Generosity** - Ability to cheerfully share and distribute finances and materials to the needy.
- **Leadership** - Ability to lead the people of Elohim to fulfil the purpose of any unit of the Body or society including family and small groups. Many young saints display this grace within their contemporary circles.
- **Compassion** - Ability to empathize with those who are grieving or suffering pain. Many young saints show empathy even at Primary School levels, sharing their meals with poorer friends, blessing them with their shoes, dressings and personal items. Some cannot relax when their friends are sick.

Even before the baptism in Holy Spirit, by simply understanding what one was ordained to be and do, a saint who exercises personal spiritual discipline to yield to Holy Spirit in his daily walk can be used of Him to be of a greater blessing to the Body and humanity. Most Evangelicals operate in life and ministry on the basis of the root/basic gifts they received when truly converted. Even though their denominational doctrines do not acknowledge Him, Holy Spirit is the one at work through their vessels as they honour Yeshua to the degree of light in them. Those who are truly converted are sealed into the Body. They are secure in the Head, Yeshua except if they open the door to Satan through yielding their vessels to Him and sin.

When Baptism in Holy Spirit is eventually received, the root or basic gifts are given further quickening which enable them to be more effectively released. That is why the spiritual gifts in **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** are called enabling gifts.

Saints are not happenstances or objects of statistics in denominations. They are specifically chosen by the fountain of all wisdom, Elohim before the foundation of this world to be not just saints but functional parts of the spiritual Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm. To grasp this truth and walk in it will be to unleash the hitherto latent Body of Yeshua to truly function as His Omega Church, radiant in the dazzling glory of His Majesty.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.—Ephesians 1:3-6

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarize what you understand to be the Seal measure of the Holy Spirit of Elohim with at least 3 supporting scriptures.

2. Briefly describe the 2 outcomes and mention the root or basic service gifts.

Lesson 10: Dimensions of the Holy Spirit #2. Transformation of Saints

When is a person born again by operation of the Holy Spirit, the spirit-man is automatically made alive and new in Yeshua, appropriating the Blood that was shed.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. —Ephesians 2:1-3

The soul as main theatre of the work of the Holy Spirit after Salvation

What the Church has not paid adequate attention to in the Holy Scriptures is that the soul realm—the mind, will and emotions of the saint who is now a new creation and the physical body, are not automatically translated into the realm of holiness in the new believer. If they were, all the instructions concerning godly living in the New Testament would have been totally unnecessary.

The soul of man is the region of self-awareness/consciousness. It develops according to family traits, environment, habits which form from repeated actions, education and many issues which represent personal experiences on the journey of life. Some people gain more experience of life with far more developed souls before others. Salvation is also more difficult to grasp because of their complexity and inability to have childlike faith. That is why many so-called “super souls” are often saved through either dramatic encounter with Yeshua or when they are broken by stronger circumstances.

The body of Adam was created from the raw earth. When Elohim breathed a measure of His Spirit into the inert, lifeless form, the soul realm was activated.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. —Genesis 2:7

On creation morning, the intent of Elohim was for the triune human created, to be led by his spirit-man. In other words, the spirit-man was ordained to rule the soul and body. On the day of the Fall, a switch of epic proportions happened: Satan tempted Eve hard enough for her soul to lust after the forbidden fruit. Thrusting and projecting itself forward, the soul responded to solicitations of Satan and thereby overthrew the spirit-man as main centre of life. A careful reading of **Genesis 3:1-6** will reveal this truth. It is significant that the first outcome of the soul's new dominance of the life of Adam was inability to repent but rather a tendency to first hide, then excuse his sin and rather accuse Elohim for giving him a wife in the first place (See **Genesis 3:7-14**.) Humanity has lived in this dis-balance of soul driven life ever since.

One critical assignment of the Blood that was shed by Yeshua which Holy Spirit is principally charged with implementing, is to bring the redeemed fully back to the original plan. In the New Covenant context, it is for Holy Spirit to indwell the spirit-man of the redeemed and build it up, as it submits to Him in EVERYTHING. As Holy Spirit engages with the soul realm and transforms it from inside out, the saint attains the glorious life of liberty. This is the life where the soul with its base impulses is no longer ruling the being. Rather, the soul and body are subject to the spirit-man which is in turn subject to Holy Spirit. The essence of this Lesson is to reveal some of the processes involved.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. —Romans 8:5-9

It all depends on how much esteem we have of and how much space Holy Spirit is given.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God—
Romans 8:12-16

The Holy Spirit is the divine instrument for using the Word to transform our lives so that we are progressively made to be like Yeshua, while yet on earth. He is the sap that runs through our lives as we are attached to Yeshua like His righteous branch. He uses the Word to show us who we ought to be and based on our assent and our ability to yield. He goes to work to make it happen as we cling to the Lord no matter what goes on in the outside of us.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. —John 15:1-11

The Problem With Religious Approach To Holiness

The main problem with a religious approach to Holiness to which most denominations are addicted is that it literally takes away the core assignment of Holy Spirit and replaces it with human efforts. Scripture, however is clear that nothing done by human effort is, pleasing to Elohim.

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. —Jeremiah 17:5-6

Religion works from outside in, relying on human attempts to use laws and regulations to please Elohim legalistically. In the end humans fall flat as they tend to rely on their abilities which are inherently faulty. This is what brought Judaism to a dead end.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. —Colossians 2:13-23

Human effort, derived from a soul which has not received dealings of Holy Spirit will at best tend towards any of these approaches:

1. Hiding from Elohim and humans like Adam.
2. Excusing besetting sins of self and magnifying those of others.
3. Trying to project a false image of piety which leads to hypocrisy.
4. Struggles to please Elohim that always fall short.

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am. who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. —Romans 7:14-25

The Kingdom Approach To Holiness Is A Work Of Holy Spirit

One peculiar characteristic of the New Creation is that our lives are totally dependent on our Creator, Who by His Holy Spirit takes responsibility to transform us to conform to the image of His Only Begotten Son.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. —Acts 17:28

He Who works all things according to the good pleasure of His Own will delights to do a work deep within saints which transforms them from inside out so that they become more like Yeshua from glory to glory.

Kingdom Life is about Elohim doing the Work by the four agencies of washing of water of the Word in the souls of saints, further work of the Blood, the continued work of the direct work of the Holy Spirit Who also uses all life experiences to transform the saint from glory to glory, into the fullness of the stature of Yeshua

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. —Romans 8:28-30

Our part is to yearn for all of Him and give Him unrestricted space to do the work. It is not that we should be uninvolved. Our job is to:

1. Identify and Reject manifestations of the old nature in us.
2. In prayer and meditation on the Word of Life, yearn for all of Him, including fellowship of His death and Resurrection just like Paul did in *Philippians 4:1-14*.
3. Totally consecrate all of our beings as a living sacrifice to Him (See *Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20*.)
4. We also to cling to Yeshua like a branch, no matter what we go through on the outside, and rely totally on Holy Spirit Who works within us as we yield to Him to produce character and attributes of our Lord (*John 15:1-8*). For the transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit to be effective He takes His place as the Great Teacher Jesus promised who will guide us into all truth in (*See John 14:26; 16:13*.)

Because the mind is the central processing unit of the saint, true transformation involves renewal of the mind so that it can think like Yeshua. The invitation for renewing the mind which is effected by Holy Spirit breathing upon the Word is at the heart of Kingdom Life. If we think righteously, we will live righteously. That is why sin-consciousness is such a heavy drawback on the pilgrimage of saints who ought to live the glorious life.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. —Ephesians 4:23-24

Our old way of thinking, much like the world from where we were delivered, needs to give way.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. —Romans 12:2

We need to have the mindset of Yeshua so that all things which come to the mind-realm are evaluated by that prism alone.

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **Philippians 2:5***

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. —Philippians 4:8

It is the transformative ministry of Holy Spirit that produces fruit of the Spirit, which is the nature and character of Yeshua that will enable the believer to be His witness and personal representative. It is wrong for saints to chase after signs and wonders, especially for the wrong motives of using them to earn fame, wealth or acceptance and honour while their souls are still unchanged. Signs derived from Gifts of Holy Spirit are to follow true saints, while they are to actively chase after the fruit of the Spirit with never-ending quest (See **Mark 16:17-18**.) As they allow the Holy Spirit to use circumstances and issues like trials, tests, pain, rejection and suffering to lead them to experience true holiness, this transformation process takes place. For some, the process is swift because of their uncomplicated souls. For others who have developed complexities or are insincere, the process takes longer period of time. In between these short, quick and long walks multitude of saints are to be found somewhere trudging along.

Fruit of Holy Spirit are released by Him in yielded vessels, not earned through works. Interestingly, all the attributes listed here are but various qualities which combine to create true Kingdom character. We should not therefore pick and choose which of them we like or desire. We need the whole bunch of fruit to make a whole new man. Articulated in **Galatians 5:22-23** the fruit of the spirit is the aggregation of all these virtues:

- **Love** – supernatural capacity to desire and act in the best interest of other people in thought, word or deed.
- **Joy** – the spirit of divine excitement in the spirit-man, from the indwelling Holy Spirit who enables us to overcome every challenge and issue of life.
- **Peace** – the state of stability of the heart which is anchored in Yeshua and is not agitated by challenges or difficulties that are encountered. **John 14:27, John 16:33**. A peaceful heart refuses to function in anxiety or worry (See **Philippians 4:6-7**.)

- **Longsuffering** – the grace to bear and forbear with people who are difficult or whose lifestyle and choices tax our patience.
- **Kindness** – the grace to be considerate and tender with other people.
- **Goodness** – the willing provision of material and emotional support which will enable others to move on in life.
- **Faithfulness** – the grace to be loyal to Elohim, the vision we are connected to, fellow humans and to be dependable, even in the face of challenges. It is also the grace to trust Elohim in an absolute way.
- **Gentleness** – the grace to treat people with honour and in respect.
- **Self-control** – the grace to restrain from consumption of whatever is not necessary. It is also the grace to desist from any course of action which can cause offense. It also applies to use of money with prudence and making the right choices on what to wear and how to look which glorifies Elohim. Another word for this is moderation (See *Philippians 4:5*.)

When we receive sound, anointed teaching of the Word, these are the outcomes:

1. We are rapidly built up by the fivefold leadership to mature quickly into able ministers of the New Testament who are able to do the work of the ministry without struggle

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: —Ephesians 4:11-12

2. We mature to such a degree that we become strong and stable in Yeshua and therefore can no longer be victims of every wind of doctrine

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: — Ephesians 4:13

3. The anointing we receive from sound teaching safeguards us from the pervasive presence of false prophets and teachers of heresies

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; — Ephesians 4:14

4. We are able to contribute maximally to building up other brethren so that as they do likewise to us the whole body is held together by mutual love, edification and enablement

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. —Ephesians 4:15-16

Now that Satan has played his very last card which is to cause many so-called Kingdom preachers to deny the divinity of Yeshua, we need this anointing in a great measure lest we lose eternal life. No one who denies the deity of Yeshua has a part in the Lamb's Book of Life (See **1 John 2:18-23, 26-27.**) The preaching of the Cross, that Elohim was incarnated as man to die for the sins of whole world, is foolishness to those who perish (See **1 Corinthians 1:18.**) If we humble ourselves and yield to Him, the Holy Spirit gives more grace for us to increase in virtue just as Yeshua did as stated in **Luke 2:52.**

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. —James 4:6

It is with the Grace that the Holy Spirit releases into our yielded vessels that we are able to press into the fullness of our election.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your [faith virtue]; and to virtue [knowledge]; And to knowledge [temperance]; and to temperance [patience]; and to patience [godliness]; And to godliness [brotherly kindness]; and to brotherly kindness [charity]. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-11

Let us be confident of this one thing: He Who enabled us to be saved is ever at work to make the finished product the exact purpose of Calvary.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: —Philippians 1:6

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. —Philippians 2:12-13

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. —1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Let us open up to Holy Spirit. He is more than willing to give effect to ALL that Yeshua died to purchase for us on the Cross of Calvary.

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarize what you understand to be the Transformation measure of the Holy Spirit of Elohim with at least 3 supporting scriptures.
2. Briefly describe 3 insights you personally gained from this lesson.

Lesson 11: Dimension of the Holy Spirit #.3. Uniter of the Body

Of all the things Satan tried to use to make the organized Church miss the mark, one of the worst was his distortion of the Person and functions of the Holy Spirit. The enemy knew that if the organized Church missed it on His true identity and dimensions of His work in Saints and the Body, it will be left with hollow religion that glories in rituals, dead works and human leaders inside whitened sepulchres called "Church."

The sad situation where billions of people are called by the Name of Yeshua throughout the earth realm yet unengaged with His Vision and Mission speaks volumes of how the DNA of Rome is the defining feature of Christian Religion of the Protestant variant. Ahead of His soon return, The King of King Is releasing the full measure of the Word as inspired and illuminated by Holy Spirit to do a new thing among the remnants.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. — Ephesians 5:25-27

Spots of sin, wrinkles of traditions of men and other such things, including the spirit of disunity that were injected into the Protestant variant of Rome, are going to be identified and rooted out. The way born again, and Spirit-filled saints and ministers go about their quests for success speaks volumes of their limited understanding of Who the Holy Spirit they mouth so glibly is, and how Omnipresent and Omniscient He is. Many want Him to validate their personal perspectives and opinions, but not teach them the full Word.

Many want to use Him to build personal empires, make money or be famous. In the Latter days that now is, many want His Power but not His Nature and Fruit. Without any shadow of doubt, He is our Life. Saints are mere vessels through who He manifests to touch and impact others in the Body and Society with the Nature, presence and Power of King Yeshua. This leads us to discuss the four dimensions of the work of Holy Spirit in the earth realm.

Dimension #.3 Holy Spirit Unites saints with Elohim and each other to be the One true Kingdom Church

When we get saved Holy Spirit automatically grafts us into two spiritual realities:

- 1. The Headship of Yeshua Who He reveals as Only bridge with Elohim.**
- 2. The Body of Yeshua who He unites us with other believers of like precious faith worldwide.**

As the word "realities" implies, these are accomplished truths that have nothing to do with whether a person is a new or old believer; whether one is aware or not, whether one is in a particular denomination or not. They are just plain realities which all true teachers of the word ought to know. Knowing these realities will forearm those called to leadership to realize that the more there is a quest to build a name for one's self-in the name of pursuing a calling or doing ministry and when such is done at the expense of any of these realities, the basis of great evil is laid.

1. All saints are united into the Headship of Yeshua

All preachers and teachers ought to be vessels who the Holy Spirit uses to point people to Yeshua, Jesus Alone, not themselves and their ministries. In this way, all who are drawn to Him receive the Spirit of sonship.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32

One of the greatest traps Satan has laid for Church leaders is the tendency to build people into themselves, not into Yeshua their Head. This error is based on tendencies to make saints rely on their personalities, anointing and abilities to meet needs. In effect, many saints in different denominations tend to grow up to see the leader/Minister as a mediator between them and Yeshua, much like adherents of the Roman Church regard Mary as their Mediatrix.

With this tendency, saints in effect, see themselves as "children of the

Pastor." Technically, this means that they are programmed to perceive themselves as "grandchildren of Elohim." This fosters the way saints see and call their leaders as "father/daddy" or "mother/mummy." It is good to respect our spiritual leaders and honour them. But once this fosters an environment of idolatry or dependency on them for everything saints need, a red flag should be in the air. It is important to realize, accept and teach the simple Kingdom truth that Elohim has no grandchildren.

For ye are all the children of God by [faith in Christ] Jesus. —Galatians 3:26

We are born again by the same Holy Spirit who incarnated Yeshua in the Body. By Him, there is an organic link between Head of the Church and His Body. Though seemingly radical, we need to accept the report of the Word.

But he that [is] joined unto the Lord [is one spirit]. —1 Corinthians 6:17

Ministers who accept manifestation of this co-dependency state of saints on themselves are in danger. It is no wonder Yeshua raised this warning:

And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. —Matthew 23:9

Holy Spirit will lead babies to leaders until Kingdom come. Whether these babies are those who leaders led to Yeshua or new converts that become connected for discipleship, out of respect or culture, a father/mother – child relationship may naturally emerge. They may call the leaders "father/daddy" or "mother/mummy." The leaders may call them "son" or "daughter," as the case may be. But care must be taken not to see that phrase of endearment as a right or obligation owed to the leader. Care must be taken to ensure that this sacred relationship is set on the right direction: to wean them off the leader and empower them to grow in grace and become independent. If this is not done, idolatry will become systemic, and the saints will not grow beyond the glass ceiling their leaders have become.

Paul the Apostle understood and practiced empowerment of saints. Timothy became his son in the gospel and Paul mentored him through an empowerment process. By the time Holy Spirit had finished the process, Timothy had moved from a "son in the gospel," to a "colleague" of Paul. He was cited as co-author of some of the Pauline epistles.

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: —Philippians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. —Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Thessalonians 1:1

He learned this principle of empowerment from Yeshua Who exalted the Father and pointed Israel and His disciples to Him. Yeshua started with the disciples as His servants, processed them to become His friends and graduated them as sons of Elohim just like Him, the Ultimate Son.

A situation of permanent “sonship” or “daughter ship” of a saint to a leader is a dangerous path that is best not trodden, lest leaders take the place of Yeshua in the hearts of saints. Saints need to have the right spiritual environment of empowerment to grow to become colleagues of their leaders. Leaders are to follow the examples of Yeshua who served, not worldly leaders who are big bosses, entitled to be served.

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. —

1 Peter 5:1-4

Holy Spirit unites us into Yeshua and wants us to grow up into Him in all things.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: —

Ephesians 4:14-15

Our growth by the Holy Spirit and the Word has one direction: to become the fullness of Yeshua.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: —Colossians 1:12-24

Rather than exalt the anointing they received from Holy Spirit to build saints around themselves, Leaders should emulate John the Baptist and point all babes in the Spirit to Yeshua so that they can grow up in Him, be rooted in Him and take their place as organic parts of His Spiritual Body, the Church

And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. —John 3:26-31

2. All saints are united into and with each other by Holy Spirit to be the Body of Yeshua on earth

We are united with each other in the Spirit as one people and members of the same family of Elohim irrespective of gender, age, socio-economic status, race, tribe or countries where we live. It is by operation of Holy Spirit, that saints are called out of the dark world to become the Body of Yeshua in the earth realm.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. —Galatians 3:26-29

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. —1 Peter 2:9-12

The various congregations and ministries we participate in are supposed to be as led by Holy Spirit. This is because He alone knows which of the under shepherds of Yeshua that is assigned to disciple and lead the saint into fullness of destiny. When it is not implemented by Holy Spirit, the connection between under shepherds and sheep of Yeshua becomes carnal and therefore rest on a faulty foundation. In real terms, the slick marketing gimmicks and self-promotional methods of the world are not for deployment in true Church growth. When we give Holy Spirit right of way, He connects us to others to be the full expression of the Body of Yeshua, both in the local as well as universal context.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. —Ephesians 4:1-6

It is unfortunate that religion intrudes when many people allow the congregations, they are part of to divide them away from the wider, universal Body of Yeshua. That is what is called the spirit of denomination. Denominationalism is a critical adversary of the True Church; it is not of Elohim and works against His interests, because it makes dis-unity a given state. Dis-unity frustrates the prayer that Yeshua, Jesus, prayed for His Church.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. —John 17:20-24

All saints in the earth realm are one in the Spirit and whatever Holy Spirit has given to one as a gift, is for the benefit of all. We are not to commercialize or withhold any gift or grace.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. —1 Corinthians 12:7,11

One of the major pre-occupations of Holy Spirit in these last days is to separate the Omega Church from the Religious contraption people call

"Church." Pure religion is when saints use their gifts and callings not to build up the Body but to make a name and create a brand for themselves. When Flesh/Self intrudes into the anointing, it becomes active only for purpose of creating a "following." In these days of social media, gift projection and projection of an "image" in the form of slick marketing and promotional techniques can lead to situation where saints are offered "anointed ministers" to "join to" or "become part of."

Those in the Flesh cannot walk in unity!

It takes dying to self-nature for saints to walk in unity. As long as Flesh is alive, the tendency is, to see the gifts and callings of Holy Spirit as instruments to build personal ministries. This is why those in the Flesh cannot fit into congregations where they are not leading. They cannot imagine their "anointing" being deployed to build up others and simply receive grace from others. The desire is always there to denominate gifts of Holy Spirit and thereby break up the Body, if need be. In this, the organic nature of the Body as envisioned by Yeshua suffers persistent and sustained lacerations by those who purport to act in His Name.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it or if one member is honoured, then all of the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. —1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Yeshua has only ONE CHURCH in the earth realm. It is a Kingdom of Priests and Kings who discover their identity, not just in Him, but also in each other. Holy Spirit guides them into companies called ministries or local congregations where they are nurtured in the truth to discover their peculiar identities in Yeshua, in each other and to be accountable. They have no name they seek to project. They do not recruit "members" carnally through worldly enticements. Wherever He plants them, they serve faithfully as unto Him, not man.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. —Colossians 3:17, 23-24

Any time Holy Spirit wants to move them on, they will hear His voice and obey. It is then that He will use them to extend His Kingdom, not divide the Body. Those who are led by Holy Spirit avoid strife, acts which cause division and attempt to build their religious empires using His Name. When we realize this uniting work of the Holy Spirit we will have only one acceptable response: love one another as He loved us and commands us.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. —John 13:34-35

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. —John 15:10-15

It is noteworthy that both in **John 17:20-23** and **John 13:34-35**, Yeshua made it clear that unbelievers shall know His Church by Love and Unity. In **John 15:12-15**, He asserts that the only way to please Him is for saints to love one another. Only Holy Spirit can cause saints to walk selflessly which is the basis of Love and Unity.

Enemies of Unity

While the Holy Spirit is on assignment to effect unity of the Body, these tendencies tear up believers into bits and pieces of interests:

1. Partisan Politics. It is tragic when Pastors use the pulpit to promote their preferred politicians which alienate other saints who are not persuaded.
2. Denominationalism where saints are herded into mutually exclusive religious enclaves which are mutually exclusive that are built on a part but not the whole of the truth. Denominations are enemies of King Yeshua and His Kingdom.
3. Racism and ethnicity
4. Motions of the Flesh which make people self-centred and unable to walk in unity.
5. In this regard, it is in bad state for anointed ministers to name their ministries after themselves, inviting the redeemed to come and 'join them', as it were.

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarise what you understand to be the Uniting measure of the Holy Spirit of Elohim with at least 3 supporting scriptures.
2. Briefly describe 2 insights you personally gained from this lesson.

Lesson 12: Dimension of the Holy Spirit #3. Power to Demonstrate (1)

In the earlier part of this course, we received the clear revelation that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force for good. Rather, we saw that He Is an organic part of Elohim, the Godhead. The mystery of The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit/Ghost as Three Persons in One can only be received by grace through Faith rather than mental computation.

Over the past three Lessons, we examined three of the four aspects of the work of the Holy Spirit with the acronym:

S.T.U.D. We saw in Lesson 9 that He releases the Seal Measure of Himself in saints. In Lesson 10, He transforms saints from inside out into a place of alignment in holiness of spirit(the heart), soul (mind, will, emotion) and in Lesson 11, the reality that it is He who unites saints with their Head-Yeshua and each other to be an organic, universal Church in which every joint supplies and receives grace.

In this Lesson, we will examine the Demonstration Measure of the Holy Spirit in saints. This Lesson will focus on why and how the Holy Spirit alone empowers saints with the anointing (the measure of His power) to demonstrate the power of Yeshua, Jesus so that they can represent Him and fulfil the Great Commission effectively with signs and wonders following. From the day of its birth in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, the Kingdom Church has experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit without measure, just as Yeshua promised. The Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit was so needed by the disciples in order to function hence, Yeshua told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued.

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. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:4-8

It is also needful to note that just as in **Luke 19:10-27**, Yeshua wanted the disciples to know that before He returns to rule and reign with them in the visible manifestation of the Kingdom (the hope of Israel for global relevance since the days of David and Solomon), there was work to be done. That work is the in-gathering of all those appointed to salvation from the peoples and nations of the world. Only Yahweh our heavenly Father knows when the last of His elect would come in. The lot fell on saints, not angels, to do this great Kingdom work of seeking and bringing the lost to the Father which Yeshua came to pay the full price for in His Own Body.

For the 120 who waited on the Lord for fulfilment of the Promise of the Father, the experience of the Holy Spirit coming upon them was dramatic. Nobody was left in any doubt that Heaven invaded the earth realm in a definite way.

And when the day of Pentecost was 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 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 2:1-4

Significance of Acts Chapter 2.

A number of things transpired for Israel and the world to know that a new dynamic had entered the gospel program. The ways of Elohim are perfect: He did not want anyone to be in doubt that whereas incarnation of Yeshua represented a silent, peaceful invasion of the earth realm by heaven, the coming of Holy Spirit was intended to be a roar: in plain sight and with incontrovertible evidence of power from on high. Take note of these realities:

1. He came during the Hebraic Feast of Shavuot, (Pentecost) one of the few when Hebrews worldwide were required to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. As the elect people chosen to be the first carriers of the gospel, there was no better time to recruit a global army to fulfil **Acts 1:8**.

*And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. **Acts 2:5-13***

2. Holy Spirit came dramatically and in a way that was in-controvertible: The cloven tongues of fire on the 120 reminded those who saw them, just like Moses saw the Burning Bush that Divinity was at work. By granting them utterance to speak with other tongues, Holy Spirit wanted to suspend their natural reasoning in speech formation as prophesied.

In the law it is written, With men [of other] tongues and [other lips] will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. —1 Corinthians 14:21

He also wanted those from the Diaspora to be convinced beyond shadow of doubt that what they were experiencing was real.

3. The transformation of Peter from a flip flopper and lily-livered disciple who was fearful to identify with Yeshua that he denied Him to a bold, eloquent apostle who could take on the leaders of Israel was not lost on any one as a fruit of Divine action.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:²⁰ before the great and notable day of the Lord come:²¹ And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:14-24

4. Outpouring of Holy Spirit was explained through Peter as evidence of the Divinity of Yeshua and the reality of Mission Accomplished. Holy Spirit was released because Yeshua is seated at the right hand of the Father.

For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved.²⁶ Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope.²⁷ Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.²⁸ Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.²⁹ Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.³⁰ Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;³¹ He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.³⁴ For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,³⁵ Until I make thy foes thy footstool.³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:25-36

5. The reality that two prophecies were fulfilled concerning the end-times would not be lost on all who study the Holy Scriptures. The birth of the Church that day signalled end of Judaism as the leading promoter of things of Elohim and beginning of the phase of the End-Times when the Church would play a leading role in proclaiming the good news to peoples of all tongues, tribes, races, gender and ages.

6. Superiority of the New Covenant over the Old was laid bare. Whereas Divine Judgment for sin led 3000 to die on the day that The Law was given on Mount Sinai (*Exodus 32: 1-28*), here on the Day of Pentecost, Divine Mercy and approval opened the Life Gate for 3000 to be saved and blessed with Eternal Life in Yeshua, Jesus.

*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **Acts 2: 37-41***

7. The Love and Unity of the early Church clearly contrasted with the rancorous division of Judaism which had several sects: Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes often bitterly opposed to each other.

*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, **Acts 2: 42-46***

8. With Presence and Power of Holy Spirit at work, Church growth was not a carnal matter. The Lord added to the Church such as should be saved.

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47

As Elohim in action throughout the earth realm, the Holy Spirit cannot cease

Not Just for the Alpha Church, but Holy Spirit is to be with the Church in all ages. The Power released on the Day of Pentecost was not just for the Alpha Church, but for all saints of all ages. Those who exert much natural energies to prove that Holy Spirit and some or all of His gifts ceased in the early Church are unwittingly advancing the cause of Christian Religion. By suggesting that somehow the Church can live and minister without the Holy Spirit, is an incredible proposition which falls flat in the face of the teachings of Yeshua on Who He is and what He will do. The various strands of cessation theories also fall flat in the weight of evidence of the reality that Holy Spirit has been poured out several times since the original Day of Pentecost in the Upper Room. Over the course of history, Holy Spirit has intervened dramatically whenever the Church begins to lose that vibrancy of His Presence and Power.

Among major revivals that have taken place since Pentecost are these:

- a. The Tophka Out pouring
- b. Azusa Street
- c. Hebrides
- d. The Welsh Outpouring

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True ministry, therefore, as defined by the Global School of Ministry, is the “*expression or bringing forth of what we are impressed with by the Holy Spirit.*” When we bring forth what He puts in us, we are engaged in ministry. Every believer is equipped by Elohim to be a conveyor of the power of the risen Yeshua through the particular gifts of the Holy Spirit received. Let it be re-emphasized that saints are not just to be satisfied with merely speaking in tongues and fleshly induced disorderly behavior done supposedly in the name of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, Tongues are a sign of what is stored inside. Through this course, it is the good pleasure of Yeshua, Jesus our King to prepare us for the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our generation. Let us be inspired to receive Him.

Assignment.

1. *Please briefly summarize what you understand to be the Power to Demonstrate measure of the Holy Spirit of Elohim with the supporting scriptures.*
2. *Briefly describe 2 insights you personally gained from this lesson.*

Lesson 13: Dimension of the Holy Spirit #.4. Power to Demonstrate (2)

Let us be reminded that after His resurrection, Yshua Jesus sealed the faith of the disciples in Himself with a measure of Holy Spirit which marked them out as His Own in the earth realm.⁸

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. —John 20:20-23

Yet He charged the same disciples to tarry in Jerusalem to receive the promise of the Father in **Acts 1:1-8**. This is consistent with the words Yeshua; Jesus spoke in **John 14:17** "*He dwells with you and will be in you.*" The 120 who obeyed Him and spent an extra 10 days after His ascension were rewarded when on the day of Shavout (Pentecost); they were filled to overflow with Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:1-4**).

His presence and power transformed timid men and added new zest to their lives. Moving in that strength and power the disciples were able to turn the then world upside down in spite of the limitations of their intellect and finances (**Acts 17: 5-6**). Saints today need the Holy Spirit even much more as we are now in the closing age of the world. Our grand need is Him and His power, not more money, better "Church" buildings, more exciting programs or radio/television publicity. All these things without Him and His power produce religion and spiritual death.

Generally, a Second Experience

Let us also recall some truths previously shared so that we can receive in full context the experience of saints in Acts 2 and how it applies to us in the Omega Chapter of the Church. In the Alpha Church, receiving Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure was a second divine encounter and experience, normally subsequent to Salvation. Yeshua knew the ferocity with which Satan and the hordes of hell spread across the world. He also knows that their human instruments would rise up against the Church after He ascended to heaven. He knew the limits of human ability to execute the Great Commission and reconcile other humans to the Father in His Name.

By arranging for saints to be indwelt by Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure, a game changer was introduced to the gospel program in the earth realm. Saints would present their vessels to Him through which Holy Spirit would do the work by Himself. The initial evidence of this infilling was the "strange act" of speaking in an unknown and unlearned tongue.

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 2:3

The main issue was the Power received. The tongue uttered was to be an outward sign to unbelievers of an inward reality.

Wherefore [tongues are for a sign], not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not [for] them that believe not, but [for] them which believe. —1 Corinthians 14:22

We will devote a substantial part of a specific Lesson to discuss all dimensions of the blessing of speaking in other tongues and praying in the Spirit.

That the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was a second experience, subsequent to Salvation, is evident all through the book of the Acts of the Apostles, except in the unique experience of the household of Cornelius.

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

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. —Acts 2:38-39

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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. —Acts 19:1-7

In Salvation, seekers encountered Elohim in Yeshua. In Baptism of the Holy Spirit, they experienced Elohim with Him taking over their surrendered vessels and faculties. All those in the Alpha Church accepted and lived in this reality, without exception. The prophecy of John the Baptist was very clear:

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: —
Matthew 3:11

It is significant that in the Acts of the Apostles an interesting scenario presents itself. When brethren faced challenges from authorities they did not engage in agitation propaganda in the name of social action. Their response was to retreat to “their own company,” so to say, to receive a fresh infilling of Holy Spirit so that they could continue to live out their life in which signs and wonders were the norm rather than the exception.

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 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 4:23-31

Anywhere, any time of His choosing.

In the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, He simply fills up the willing and ready saint to the degree of effervescent effusion that translates into speaking in unknown and unlearned tongues. This blessed experience can be had anywhere and at any time of His choosing. A saint can be filled in a revival meeting, a regular church service, in a home or indeed anywhere including cyberspace; it can be when in the company of other saints or when alone because Holy Spirit is not bound to fit into neat religious boxes built by Church folks.

Caveat: Let us take note however that as Sovereign, Holy Spirit has no set formula as to how and when He comes upon those whose hearts yearn intensely for Elohim. He can and does bypass protocol and can come upon people anywhere and anyhow, including, in kitchens, living rooms and public arenas. Look at the dramatic case of the household of Cornelius which shocked Peter.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. —Acts 10:44-48

The issue of how Holy Spirit fill saints can only be discussed as a guide based on previous outpouring, but no formula should be set in stone, lest saints faint when their experiences do not match given formulas. Those who try to dictate specific ways Holy Spirit should fill saints may need to read the reaction of some leaders of the Alpha Church to what happened in the house of Cornelius:

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. —Acts 11:1-5, 15-18

Let us also be reminded some additional things shared previously. The disciples received the Person and Power of Holy Spirit Who used to come upon human vessels to use them to do divine work. In the new dispensation, He came to dwell inside of them and from that centre of their lives, release the unsurpassable power of Divinity. The focus was on Him and what He could do through their surrendered vessels. It was clearly a case of He using them, and not them using Him. They never used Him as a showstopper to display how many tongues they could speak neither was noise making an index of His Presence. This was consistent with what Yeshua told the disciples:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. —John 14:12

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8

His Presence in their lives was certainly about Divinity using human vessels exponentially, taking off all limitations.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me. —Philippians 4:13

The Enabling or Power Gifts plus

Much more than the Seal Measure and the Root/Basic Gifts, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit releases the Enabling gifts (often referred to as the Power Gifts). As we saw earlier, when Holy Spirit convicts a hitherto sinners and seals them into the Body of Yeshua, a gift or collection of gifts are automatically imparted to define that person as a functional part of the living organism which is the Church. As **2 Corinthians 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 1:12-13 and Ephesians 4:30** reveal, the seal measure of the Holy Spirit is a down payment (or earnest) which encourages us to continue in the faith so that the full measure of the Holy Spirit will be released in due course.

That is not the end of His work in the area of spiritual gifts. There is much more that is available for those who are baptized in Him. That dimension of spiritual gifts for demonstrating the full dimension of the Power of the Risen Yeshua is part of what Holy Spirit imparts to all who are filled with Him. The Lord expects all saints, not some, to yearn for the fullness of Holy Spirit with zeal in earnest prayer. In response the Lord Yeshua, Jesus releases the Holy Spirit to fill up and equip the available vessels for His use.

Holy Spirit demonstrates His presence in saints by using them as vessels through which He shows up. These are in the form of spiritual gifts that are the outcome of the visitation of His indwelling Presence. Unlike the seal dimension which causes certain gifts to be wired into the new nature as part of the Divine DNA, the baptism in the Holy Spirit ushers saints into the dimension of being vessels He uses to demonstrate the reality of the Presence and Power of the risen Messiah in a clear manner. For clarity, every true saint is anointed by the Holy Spirit through the Seal He places on us. However, through specific spiritual gifts which are imparted on those who are baptised in the Holy Spirit, they are able to be vessels through which specific ministry is released to the Body.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 1
Corinthians 12:4-11

In the demonstration dimension of spiritual gifts, saints receive a basket of Enabling Gifts in **1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-29**. These are Charismatic or self-evident power gifts which enable our basic or root gifts (obtained with the sealing) to function with greater effectiveness. They include:

- 1. Word of wisdom** – supernatural ability to know the mind of Elohim and utter same in a way which gives specific direction to those who need it. It is not Wisdom that is resident so to say but rather a 'word of wisdom' which is uttered to provide direction and clarity to the seeker.
- 2. Word of knowledge.** While word of wisdom deals with direction, word of knowledge is a supernatural utterance which uncovers a previously hidden reality. It is not a repository of knowledge but a 'word of'.
- 3. Faith.** All saints have faith which is the pathway of drawing down the grace of Elohim for Salvation. The gift of Faith is the supernatural dimension in which those so blessed have no limits in their heart and mind as to what Elohim can and will do. They believe it in the heart and proclaim so with certainty, calling forth the things which are not as if they were. **Romans 4:17-22.**

4. Gifts of healing. This is the supernatural ability to heal the sick miraculously. This gift operates in various ways as seen in the ministry of Yeshua and the early Church in line with the principle of *1 Corinthians 12:4-7*. All healing experiences are miracles but not all miracles are necessarily related to healing.

5. Working of miracles. This is the ability to be a vessel through which the Holy Spirit supernaturally intervenes to bring about miraculous visitations in the lives and circumstances of people. This gift operates in various ways as seen in the ministry of Yeshua and the early Church in line with the principle of *1 Corinthians 12:4-7*. All healing experiences are miracles but not all miracles are necessarily related to healing. Miracles include supernatural change of weather and non-human related manifestations of signs and wonders.

6. Prophecy – More than the rote gifts and not rising to the threshold of the Five-fold office gift of Prophet is the enabling gift of Prophecy. This is the supernatural capacity of a chosen vessel to be used to utter the mind of Elohim on a real time basis.

7. Discerning of spirits. This is the supernatural ability to recognise the nature and source of spirits operating in people behind the façade of their outer beings. Discernment can also be used to pinpoint the operative spirits in an environment or church community.

8. Speaking in unknown tongues. Though ability to utter unknown tongues is a near universal sign of the entry of the Baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit, this enabling gift is an instrument through which chosen vessels are able to communicate what Elohim is saying to His Church in real time but in an unlearned tongue. It can be as powerful and accurate as Prophecy when exercised correctly. Because of confusing presentation of the subject matter, the Lord will unveil additional details concerning tongues in this course.

9.Ability to interpret tongues. The gift of tongues should be used in public gathering of saints only on one condition: that the messenger is gifted to interpret what is uttered or that someone else who is so gifted is present to immediately voice what is said in a language which the group of saints or congregation are familiar with. This is a safety hatch to prevent demonic invasion of lying spirits or malign people who may try to curse believers. **1 Corinthians chapter 14:1-33** lays out the need to regulate tongues in public use.

Two other enabling gifts are mentioned in **1 Corinthians 12:28**, namely:

10. Helps: This is the supernatural grace to willingly play a supportive role and uphold another person/leader in the ministry. It is a compound gift that can be applied to those serving in intercession, the deaconate and other roles.

11. Administration: This is the supernatural grace to plan, organize and administer the business affairs of the Household of Faith.

Fivefold Leadership/Office Gifts (*See 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-16.*)

Apart from these enabling gifts, the Lord specifically calls and vests a measure of His fivefold offices to distinct individuals for the purpose of perfecting the saints to do the work of ministry (as the Royal Priesthood of **1 Peter 2:9-10**) so that the whole Body is edified.

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **Ephesians 4:11-12***

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are not titles to be hung on the neck of those in the quest for honour and vain glory.

12. Apostle: one who is 'sent' by the Lord with a mandate to know the Master Plan of the Church and ensure that it is expounded and embraced by the unit of the Body where one has kingdom influence. The office carries the grace to set things in order, lay foundations and exercise godly authority with humility. They challenge the saints to be all that they are redeemed to be. Their ministry focus is empowerment. Where they are in leadership, all or some elements of the Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release paradigm will be operational.

13. Prophet. This is a calling to be a vessel who the Holy Spirit uses to release the mind of Elohim in real time. The words spoken are weighty and anointed to empower saints, provide divine insight and direction. The prophet carries a burden for the chastity of the Church as a Bride awaiting her groom. Holiness of life and embrace of rejection are safety guardrails wired into the office. Intimacy with the Lord is essential.

14. Evangelist. The office carries an extraordinary burden for the Lost and unquenchable desire to reconcile them to the Father. They are more comfortable on the road than inside 'Church' settings and have little or no appetite for 'church administration and politics.

15. Pastor. This is an office which carries the loving heart of Yeshua for the flock to a high degree. This enables those called to come alongside the saints to nurture and encourage them. They bring together all the other graces in the fivefold and channel them towards the individual saints. Praying for them with a burden and manifesting Yeshua's heart, they tend to be closer to the saints than all other fivefold offices.

16. Teacher. This office gift enables those who are called to have a deep Spirit-led understanding of the meaning and letters of the Word. They teach with clarity and bring to light obscure passages.

The key to the emergence of the glorious church of the end times is restoration of the work of the fivefold office gifts working together by Holy Spirit, in synergy, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. — **Ephesians 4:13-16***

These are the gifts which Yeshua released specifically to guide His Church into full maturity so that it can manifest the power of the Kingdom and the world to come. There are many other spiritual gifts given to the Church to function with by the Holy Spirit. They include:

17. Martyrdom.

18. Intercession.

19. Hospitality

20. Worship and Praise Ministry

The True Church is an Organic Body: Living, Loving Organism based on releasing and receiving spiritual gifts from each other, not an impersonal religious organization. Whether in the Seal or Demonstration measure, it is the plan of Yeshua that His Church will not operate as a Christian Religious Organization with emphasis on things that are done externally, but rather an organism in which every part of the Body does its share. As **1 Corinthians 12:11–27** reveals, the paradigm is that of a living Body with many functional, interrelated parts. That is why the Holy Spirit releases Spiritual Gifts through all saints.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. — Ephesians 4:7-10; 15-16

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. — 1 Peter 4:10-11

Please read up more about this subject in the eBook, Spiritual Gifts: what they are and how they operate. The world is in earnest expectation for the true Kingdom Church to shake off the shackles of religion, heresy and worldliness so that it can be clothed with the righteousness of its head, Jesus Church.

Assignment.

- 1. Please briefly summarize what you understand to be the Demonstrate measure of the Holy Spirit of Elohim.*
- 2. Briefly summarize 7 of the enabling gifts discussed in this lesson.*
- 3. Which of them is manifest in your life?*

Lesson 14: Not in a Box. Varied Manifestations.

As has been observed in this course, one of the biggest failings of a section of the Pentecostal movement is the tendency to put the Holy Spirit into a denominational box. Within this box, worse tendencies grew. One of this was to reduce Him and His manifestations to a set of formula people had to go through in order to be baptized. Nothing illustrates this reality than the 'tarry night' or tarrying syndrome. Saints were herded into campgrounds or worship centres to hear stirring messages and music while fasting and praying as a prelude to receiving the Baptism. In seeking to re-enact the Upper Room model, this tendency simply ignored the reality that throughout the Alpha Church, Holy Spirit, filled up vessels He alone knew were ready for the experience, no matter their locations.

Some Instances of His Manifestation in the Alpha Church.

1. In the Upper Room, no human vessel was involved in transmission of the Holy Spirit. Visible evidence of His presence was both the cloven tongues of fire and the unlearned tongues they uttered.

And when the day of Pentecost was 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 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 2:1-4

Let us take note that the Bible made it clear that those who saw and heard the disciples in that first instance understood what they uttered. This became a supernatural sign for unbelievers to know that a miracle from Elohim was happening, as confirmed by Paul the apostle.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? — Acts 2:5-12

Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. — 1 Corinthians 14:22

2. Peter announced clearly to all that Holy Spirit was for both Hebrews (Jews) and Gentiles, as many as would respond to the Father's love – in all generations, including this.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. — Acts 2:38

3. Peter did not just address the religious leaders in Acts chapter 4, he did so under fresh unction of Holy Spirit. In so doing, the point was made that saints should not rely on historic infilling but rather have faith to walk in currency of His present fullness.

And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? 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. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. — Acts 4:7-13

4. The need to walk in fullness of the Holy Spirit – undrained by any activity was also demonstrated by the life of Barnabas of whom the Scriptures witnessed thus:

*Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. — **Acts 11:22-24***

From the whole counsel of Scriptures, we understand that every saint is sealed by the Holy Spirit as a foundational measure. Secondly, there is an opportunity to be filled by the Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure. However, beyond being filled at one time in the past, a saint can press on to be full of Holy Spirit as a present, current lifestyle.

5. When the early Church came under pressure from religious persecutors, He came to refresh and strengthen them – just as they were in corporate prayers with no one laying hands on any.

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 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. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. — Acts 4:23-33

6. In the case of the Samaritans, Phillip went as far as his grace carried him: led them to the Salvation experience. When Peter and John came with greater apostolic grace, the saints were filled.

*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. — **Acts 8:5-17***

7. The experience of Paul is interesting. After encountering Yeshua on the road to Damascus, he was filled with the Holy Spirit as a human vessel, Ananias, laid hands on him and released the word of faith

*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. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. — **Acts 9:17-18***

8. In the case of household of Cornelius, their hearts were so panting after all that the gospel offered that they were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit in a moment of time – while Peter was still speaking. Water baptism was to come later.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. — Acts 10:38-48

9. In the case of the saints at Ephesus, they were filled as Paul laid hands on them to impart the blessing.

*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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should 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 his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. — **Acts 19:1-7***

Each case was bespoke, made to measure according to the state of their hearts. One recurrent theme however is that there was proclamation of the reality of the Holy Spirit, which ignited faith and real desire for Him in those that heard. This principle of Faith in the Word is still critical till today.

*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. — **Galatians 3:14***

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. — **Romans 10:17***

Faith is a precious facility needful for our entire walk with Elohim – whether to be saved or to be filled with the Holy Spirit or to receive any spiritual or material blessing.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. — 1 Corinthians 2:11-14

Many saints are not being baptized in the Holy Spirit because they have been programmed to settle for less. In some cases, it is because the preachers have other priorities including being the only anointed ones in the House. In some cases, saints have been deceived to learn to speak in tongues and thus mimic the real experience. To worsen matters, some ministries have confined teachings and preaching on the Holy Spirit to the annual Pentecost Day services.

As part of the ongoing work towards manifestation of the Omega Church, it is needful that all ministries of the Remnant begin to teach what the Holy Scriptures say of the Holy Spirit in greater detail. It is in so doing that saints get to know and understand the Truth which sets them free from the bondage of ignorance (John 8:32). Equally important, the Truth they hear of Him will activate their faith to receive.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. — Romans 10:13-17

In essence, the danger posed by the practice of creating a strict formula for saints to follow is that it confirms the foundational error of the Galatians Church which led Paul to warn on the danger of starting in the Spirit and ending in the Flesh:

*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? — **Galatians 3:1-3***

Let us emphasize the point made earlier, as Sovereign, Holy Spirit fills a saint any day any time, anyhow and anywhere that Yeshua decides. There is no set formula for how to receive Him that is cast in concrete. He may come on a vessel at home – in the living room or kitchen or garden. It may be while praying, while studying or while singing in worship or adoration. He may come when saints are in congregational worship or in a camp meeting. It is the ready Heart that is stayed on Him and yearns for Him which matters most.

There is no set formula because mortal man cannot confine Holy Spirit to a set of dogmatic practices and expect Him to follow them. The safest course for us therefore is to take a complete view of how the early Church lived out their Kingdom mandate in the strength of the power of Holy Spirit; be inspired by same and activated in faith to receive the greater dimension of His anointing for greater works.

Some Helpful Principles

These principles seem to be valid expressions of the human partnership with what is clearly a Sovereign decision of Elohim:

1. Repentance and brokenness – To desire residency of He Who is thrice holy, it makes sense for saints to first receive grace to clean up their spiritual acts and deal with besetting sins that plague life, making many saints to fluctuate between righteousness and sin.

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. — **Hebrews 12:1-2***

True godly sorrow is the key to break the chain of sin and receive the mercy of Elohim in the Blood of Yeshua.

*Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. — **Acts 2:38***

*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. — **1 John 2:1-2***

*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge. In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. — **2 Corinthians 7:10-11***

2. Ask in prayer- Elohim is more than willing to release the Holy Spirit to overwhelm and drive us. Saints need to ask and remain in persistent prayer until filled (**See Matthew 7:7-9; Luke 11:3; Matthew 5:6.**)

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? — Luke 11:9-13.

3. Receive by faith and do not depend on feelings (**Galatians 3:1-9.**) It is not about emotions. Holy Spirit is received, first by faith.

4. Demonstrate the Holy Spirit in you by making your being available as a vessel through which He will show forth Himself. These are in the form of spiritual gifts that are the outcome of the visitation of the Holy Spirit. Unlike the seal dimension which causes certain gifts to be wired into your new nature, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit ushers you into the demonstration dimension. You will receive any of these baskets of gifts discussed in the previous Lesson when He comes.

5. Take note that He who gives spiritual gifts is also the dispenser of the Life and character of Yeshua called fruit of the Spirit. To take that part of His Charisma which will be used to do great exploits and reject that part of Him and His work which will bring glory to Yeshua is to engage in self-deceit. 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 and 1 Corinthians Chapters 13 and 14 are an organic whole which should be studied together. He is not author of confusion, disunity and disorder as projected in many Pentecostal ministries (**1 Corinthians 14: 36, 40.**)

Assignment.

1. Briefly describe 3 insights you personally gained from this lesson.

Lesson 15: Concerning the Holy Spirit and Tongues

One of the clearest experiences of the Holy Spirit in action, manifested on the very first day of the birth of the Church in the Upper Room has been turned by Theologians and denominations into one of the most divisive issues amongst believers for several hundreds of years. This is the issues of Tongues first manifested on that day as recorded by Luke the Physician turned sacred writer.

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? **Acts 2:1-12***

Under the unction of the Holy Spirit, Peter gave a powerful exposition of what they had experienced.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:..²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it....³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear...³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. **Acts 2:14-42**

Why Tongues?

We can deduce the following reasons for why tongues were given as part of manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit during the Feast of Shavout (Pentecost).

1. To be a clear, supernatural confirmation to the Jews across the world that the New Covenant promised by Elohim for them in **Jeremiah 31:31-34** and humanity had been fulfilled in Yeshua, Jesus Who the Jewish leaders had rejected. It was indicative that the new covenant would signal the beginning of the end times, was now operational. This act would be strong enough to break the thick veil of Moses which hindered their ability to receive the things of the Spirit (**2 Corinthians 3:13-14**). The fact that 3000 of them were converted on this day was a perfect contrast to the reality that 3000 people died on the day the Torah was given to establish the Old Covenant (**Exodus 32:38**)

1. As a set apart people with a special redemptive gift of proclaiming Elohim and His Kingdom (**Exodus 19:5-6**), devout Jews who came on pilgrimage from various parts of the then known world would have the opportunity to first hear the gospel and embrace same. The supernatural outpouring of the Holy Spirit to indwell the redeemed contrary to the Old dispensation where He came upon selected vessels, used them and left them, was presented as a better proposition.

2. Dr Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, offered one of the best explanations for this act of speaking in tongues as universal evidence of Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In his ground-breaking book, *The Church of His Vision*, Dr Ilechukwu posits that this blessed experience is an immersion in that the saint to be filled loses all control of him or herself to a higher power whose presence is evidenced in the unlearned utterances, that come forth out of an otherwise controlled tongue which is suddenly loosed.

3. Dr Ilechukwu also posits that this blessed experience is to reverse what Satan did to Eve in the Garden of Eden, by activating her reasoning faculty, leading to dominance of the soul over her spirit-man. In effect, one of the experiences which enables saints to enjoy restoration of the dominance of the spirit-man over the soul is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit Who enters and takes residence in that realm of the human being.

4. Tongues are also given as a sign of the Divine Presence for the benefit of sinners/unbelievers

*Wherefore **tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not **for** them that believe not, but **for** them which believe. 1 Corinthians 14:22*

Variety of Tongues, their purposes and applications

There are various dimensions of the gift of tongues which all saints should know so that their faith and practical lives should rest on the Holy Word, not the opinion of humans. We will limit commentary so that the passages can speak for themselves.

1. The universal sign. When a saint is filled with the Holy Spirit, the universal sign or evidence is utterance to speak in an unknown and unlearned tongue.

*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***

What happened on the Day of Pentecost was also replicated in Ephesus.

*And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **Acts 19:6***

Ever since, the long march of history has borne out the proposition. Let it be clearly stated that the Holy Spirit should be the One giving utterance! It is clearly unscriptural to teach other saints how and what to say in tongues for that would be fake. It is also wrong to utter tongues from the human memory. This can be recognized when a person always utters the same mono-syllable in the name of tongues.

2. Beyond the universal sign, Tongues are given on a bespoke basis as part of Spiritual Gifts granted to individual saints.

*To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: **1 Corinthians 12:10***

The applications of this gift vary both in terms of personal as well as public use.

3. Tongues are not the same but vary in scope. Some are tongues of humans (language) while others are of heavenly origin such as those spoken by the angels.

*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **1 Corinthians 13:1***

4. Tongues are given to enable saints to pray more effectively and efficiently without intrusion of the soul (mind, will and emotion). In this way, prayer is pure, devoid of fleshly motives and align perfectly with the will of Elohim.

*For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. **1 Corinthians 14:2***

5. As our Advocate and Comforter, the Holy Spirit helps saints to pray the perfect will of Elohim when tired, weary or mentally drained, He takes over and grants us utterance to pray in tongues. He often does so at the end of our human ability.

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Romans 8:26-27***

6. Praying in tongues edifies the spirit-man of saints to develop the right level of strength to rule over the flesh (soul and body).

*He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church **1 Corinthians 14:4***

7. Praying in the spirit builds up the spiritual muscle of saints, enabling them to be stronger in facing life issues. The act of speaking in tongues builds up the spirit-man so that it functions above the capacity of the soul and body.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 20-21

8. Praying in the Spirit is not exclusive to praying in tongues. It can include prayer that is specifically directed by the Holy Spirit. It can also include silent prayer where our spirit-man communes with the Holy Spirit without words. The only sound may be groanings.

Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

9. The individual saint, who develops the fruit of the Spirit has the capacity of Self Control/Moderation/Temperance. This includes speaking in tongues at the right time and place so that his/her liberty will not be an occasion to make others stumble or feel excluded.

*It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.²² Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. **Romans 14:21-22***

10. It is therefore important that our communion with the Holy Spirit should be holistic with us yielding to Him to develop His fruits before or alongside seeking His gifts..

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23***

11. Not all saints have the gift of Tongues (the ability to communicate the mind of God publicly through utterance of tongues)

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 1 Corinthians 12:30

12. No one should hinder those gifted in tongues from exercising same.

*Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with **tongues.** 1 Corinthians 14:39*

13. The use of tongues in public setting is regulated by the Word. Tongues should only be uttered from the pulpit in turns, not dominated by one person the speaker has the gift of interpretation, or another person is on standby to interpret.

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.²⁸ But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 1 Corinthians 14:27-28

14. For the simple reason of edification, utterance of Prophecy which all can hear and respond to in a public meeting is superior to and should be preferred to speaking in unknown tongues where the gift of interpretation is lacking.

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.² For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.⁴ He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.⁵ I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? 1 Corinthians 14:1-6

15. There is grace to not just pray in tongues but to also worship (sing and give praise) in tongues.

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 1 Corinthians 14:15

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*Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church... ¹⁶ Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? ¹⁷ For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified... ³³ For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints... Let all things be done decently and in order **1 Corinthians 14:6-12, 16-17, 33, 40***

17. Uncontrolled use of tongues can hinder growth of the Church. This not only brings disorder within the congregation, but it can also repel potential members and first-time attendees.

If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 1

Corinthians 14:23

18. It is more spiritual and edifying to operate with the Teaching grace which is more beneficial to a congregation in that they will hear, understand and be transformed by the Word.

*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.² For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.⁴ He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.⁵ I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying...¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.¹ **Corinthians 14:1-5, 18-20***

19. Tongues are only for use on this side of eternity. They will not be needed in eternity, unlike Charity which is forever.

*Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be **tongues**, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 1 Corinthians 13:8*

The saints at Corinth were a well-endowed Church in terms of gifts of the Holy Spirit. However, Carnality (living from the soul: the mind, will and emotions) took a toll on them. Paul was used by the Holy Spirit to teach them, bring clarity and correct their fleshly tendencies. His teaching on use of Tongues in public settings is the gold standard for the Church till today. We urge all students to read the whole of **1 Corinthians chapter 12** (which speaks of the enabling, fivefold and other gifts), **1 Corinthians chapter 13** (which speaks of Charity/Love as the core foundation of Christian living and should drive our service) and **1 Corinthians chapter 14:1-40** (which speaks of order in practice of the Charismatic gifts so that all can be edified and blessed thereby).

Assignment.

1. *Why were tongues given to the Church?*
2. *Briefly 7 of the principles concerning tongues you learnt today.*

Lesson 16: Developing Intimate, Positive Relationship With Him

We need to examine ways to relate with the Holy Spirit so that the Divine Purpose is accomplished. This is best done by relating it to some of the things we learned previously. As Paul said by the Holy Spirit, it is a safe thing to be reminded of truths already discussed.

*Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. **Philippians 3:1***

This lesson has two broad sections. The first is a recap of some of His assignments while the second outlines some principles for enhancing our relationship with Him as a Person.

Part A. His Assignments

The Lord Jesus spoke extensively of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. There are some specific scriptures where He outlined the assignment of the Divine personality Who would replace Him. In the Pauline epistles and in the experience of the Alpha Church valuable insights were also given of Who He is and the scope of His work. For the Omega Church to function in fullness of the Divine Purpose, it is important to walk in the consciousness of these revealed truths about Him. Intimacy works best from the point of wider and deeper understanding of people in relationship.

1. He is a Source of spiritual refreshment for the truly thirsty. This applies to His ministry of creating a deep hunger and passion for the Lord.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

—**John 7:37-39**

2. He is The Divine Helper Who will be there for the saints all through their lives and provide Comfort and Peace when needed from within, notwithstanding the state of the environment (challenging, harsh, difficult).

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; —John 14:15-16

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. —John 14:26-27

3. He is The Spirit of truth Who will dwell within saints and guide them into all truth so that they do not err or stumble. Holy Spirit also grants the saints an understanding of what error is.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. —John 16:13

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you—
John 14:26*

4. Holy Spirit is best qualified to reveal to people who are outside the Commonwealth, the actual state of their hearts and pierce through every layer of self-righteousness to convict them of sin, righteousness and judgment. This is why He makes it possible to show sinners that Only the Blood that Yeshua shed can wash away sin.

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. —John 16:8-11

5. Holy Spirit glorifies Yeshua and reveals Him to all sincere seekers as the only solution to all their needs.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you. —John 16:13-15

6. He imparts power for saints to be Ambassadors of Yeshua to Kingdoms of this world. The miraculous is part of our inheritance.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. —Matthew 10:8

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. —Luke 10:19.

It is only with power of Holy Spirit that saints can make a critical difference and impact the world in preaching the gospel.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. —Mark 16:15-19

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

7. Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts to all saints so that each is empowered to operate as a functional cell of a living organism rather than a statistic on the membership register of a denomination.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

First Corinthians Chapter 12 is important to study in this regard.

Our Responses to assignments of the Holy Spirit.

Our responses to His Person, Presence and Work can be positive or negative. As said in an earlier section, He behaves like a perfect gentleman and will not gate crash our parties. Since He knows the hearts of saints, He is not impressed by sweet words or outward shows. The real deal is how our hearts are inclined towards Him.

Part B Principles Which Enable Us to Relate Intimately and Positively with The Holy Spirit

Knowing how critical the presence of the Holy Spirit is to the saints it makes good sense for us to cultivate an intimate loving relationship with Him. Here are some of the ways we can develop intimacy with Him:

1. Childlike sincerity, transparency and openness to Him for guidance and correction. The Kingdom and its Power in Him is still the portion of the childlike as Yeshua said in Matthew 18: 3-
4. Hiding from Him is a no brainer because He knows us even to the reins of our hearts. He is Omniscient and Omnipresent knowing even the future from the past and present.

2. Willing submission and yielding to His leadership over our lives. This is a critical principle because the whole idea of Elohim is for the Holy Spirit to take over the lives of saints from inside out. Dwelling in and ruling the spirit-man, He proceeds therefrom to lead the soul and body according to the perfect pattern of Elohim. The typical situation of Pentecostalism is to use Him to do exploit. Though the exploits are done because He will always manifest His power, the glory is claimed by ministers and ministries who use the outcomes to 'shine' and draw attention to themselves, often making captive those who are drawn to their stronger souls. Our being sons of Elohim has one principal benchmark, leadership of Holy Spirit in all things.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. —Romans 8:14

3. A hunger and quest for more of Him. We should come to a point where we just need more of Him every day and in every circumstance.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) —John 7:37-39

4. Purity of heart and holy living arising from response to His deep cleansing work. While perfect perfection may never happen until we are translated into glory, something that pleases heaven happens when the hearts of saints are inclined to righteousness and hating iniquity which Yeshua modelled for us in *Hebrews 1:9. Psalm 15:1-5.*

5. Prompt obedience to His instructions. He is released to us as a result of obedience to the instructions of Yeshua. We therefore develop a stronger bond of relationship with Him as we remain in a state of obedience *John 14:15-18*.

6. Sensitivity to His feelings. As we grow in grace and in our walk with the Holy Spirit we come to understand that as a Person, He has feelings. If we understand those things that touch Him and respect them, we in effect give Him right of stay in our lives. In this regard we need to be conscious of the fact that Holy Spirit can be grieved or quenched.

7. Yield or Surrender. This is a heart inclination to give Him space to manifest through our vessels when and where He wants rather than seeking to use Him to achieve our desires, even if they seem and sound good. If we can make the paradigm shift of allowing ourselves to be vessels, He can use any how rather than want Him to fit our finite boxes, great will be the outcomes

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 1 Corinthians 12:7

8. Consciousness that His overarching assignment is to make the Body complete and in tandem with Yeshua as its Head. The revelation of this truth cannot be understood by human reasoning, intellectual quest or academic research.

*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;²⁰ And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;²⁴ Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:²⁵ Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:²⁸ Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:²⁹ Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. **Colossians 1:12-29***

*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **Colossians 2:2-3, 6-10***

Only the Holy Spirit can through the scriptures He inspired enable us, the saints, to receive the truth of our union with Divinity in Yeshua; Who He is in us and who we are in Him.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and **make our abode** with him. **John 14:23***

*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:⁵ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.⁶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ **1 Corinthians 2:4-16***

9. No matter how much He desires to use us therefore, we should not allow same to undermine the company of the Body to which we are connected specifically and the Church universal. We are to be catalysts and transformers who He uses to minister to others of like precious faith, not instruments of schism. Hearts inclined to Love and walk in Unity are precious assets in His hands. This is more so now that we are in the Dispensation of the Body, connected to the Head, even Yeshua, Jesus as the ONLY SUPERSTAR

Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. —Ephesians 4:1-6

10. Consciousness that He is available to help us Pray “perfect prayers.” A Perfect Prayer is one that is exactly according to the will of Yahweh our heavenly Father. When saints pray His will, they do not beat about the bush or weary themselves with multitude of words. Prayer is targeted to hit the bull’s-eye, so to say and great results from Divine intervention follow.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. —1 John 5:14-15

In essence, this is what Praying in the Spirit is all about.

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. —1 Corinthians 14:2,14

Elohim has ordained that even the average saint can rest the mental faculty with its proclivity to severe limitations of thought and stress so that the Holy Spirit will take over and intercede for them. Let us remember that **Romans 8:5-9** has already stated emphatically that the carnal mind is in enmity against Elohim and not subject to His will. He has therefore ordained that Holy Spirit takes over from burdened hearts and through deep groaning utters prayers on our behalf

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. —Romans 8:26-27

His intercession is accurate because He knows the will of Yahweh our Father for us. This is why praying in the spirit is always very effective both in the intercessory ministry as well as in spiritual warfare. When Holy Spirit prays through a believer, He simply operates through the spirit-man where He resides; “borrows” the vocal cords of the individual through which He expresses, in deep groaning or precise prayer in unknown tongues, the very will of Yahweh which He is already privy to. The result is that the person praying in the Spirit hardly gets wearied. There is no struggle or mental exertion to formulate what to pray for and to utter it.

Let us also note that praying in the Spirit is not always accompanied with speaking in tongues. At times praying in the Spirit simply occurs when we do not approach Elohim with our own agendas. As we wait on Him, He inspires us to bring forth what He desires of us to ask for in prayer. This can be referred to as praying from the spirit-man or heart without use of the lips to form words that can be heard. This is in effect, utterance free prayer that only Holy Spirit knows and hears. In our noisy world, few people are learning the power of meditating on His Word and in quietude keeping the mind stayed on Elohim alone.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. —Isaiah 26:3

The Ultimate Purpose of Life and Prayer

In the Sermon on the Mount, Yeshua revealed that the ultimate purpose of all prayer is simply glorify Yahweh our heavenly Father in all situations and to midwife delivery of His will in the earth realm as it is done in heaven.

*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. — **Matthew 6:9-10***

Saints who have come to the place of rejecting the utilitarian gospel and rather believe in 24/7 worship are able to surrender the driver's seat in their prayer lives so that Holy Spirit prompts them to pray the burden and will of Elohim. This is the place of ultimate rest arising from supreme confidence in Him as a Good Father.

*For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. —**Hebrews 4:10-11***

11. The right relationship with the Holy Spirit enables us to experience the fullness of relationship with Elohim, the Godhead. When we enjoy intimate communion with the Holy Spirit, He leads us to walk in the fullness of the grace imparted by Yeshua, Jesus as Lord of our lives; experience the fullness of the Love of The Father. For this reason, the Seal of the Holy Spirit we receive on the day of Redemption announces with clarity in the spiritual realm 'God Owns this one'!

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **communion** of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. **2 Corinthians 13:14***

12. Waiting on Him. One of the most useful spiritual habits is to wait on the Holy Spirit for direction, guidance and instruction regarding EVERYTHING before we do them. That attitude and posture will save us much trouble. The world is like a wilderness. Those who allow Him to be the principal navigation tool will overcome and get to the destinations ordained by the Father.

*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:³¹ But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31***

Assignment.

1. Briefly describe 7 assignments of the Holy Spirit you personally gained from this lesson.
2. Which of the works of the Holy Spirit appeal particularly to you as personally needed?

Lesson 17 Negative Relationship Patterns And Responses To the Presence, Power and Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not a mere force or influence. He is a Person who can hear, see, feel and touch lives. Because He is Holy, He cannot stand the presence of iniquity in various forms, especially those that are wilful or intentional. Because He is a person, Holy Spirit can suffer the indignities mentioned below.

1. The Holy Spirit can be grieved

*And **grieve not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption*

Ephesians 4:30

The things that grieve Him includes all types of Sin in lives of believers, especially the type of besetting sins which suggest that Yeshua' Blood was not efficacious to save from the works of Satan. Specifically these tendencies that many believers manifest grieves the Holy Spirit: having an unforgiving spirit (which is contrary to the nature of Yeshua), manifestation of a critical spirit which judges others in a sharp, unfair manner, strife/quarrelling and envying (which open the door to demonic intrusion as **James 3:16** warns), lying, gossip, party spirit (division based on preference of human leaders like the Corinthian Church in **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**), anger, wrath, keeping malice, pride, carnality, worldliness, lack of faith, inability to trust Elohim, talkativeness, self-righteousness, rebellion against legitimate spiritual or natural authority, lone ranging; and a host of other lifestyles which dishonour Yeshua before unbelievers or are contrary to principle of love and unity of the Body.

It is also noteworthy that the Holy Spirit is grieved by sins of the tongue involving wrong use of the power of speech. The reason is that the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit Who indwells the spirit-man is often unknown until the tongue begins to utter an unlearned language as **Acts 2:1-4** shows. In the same way, the Word of Faith which activates and unleashes His power does not happen until the saint or minister speaks forth. In other words, all activities, and miracles of the Holy Spirit often begin with a spoken word. To misuse the tongue for negative purposes causes real grief to the Holy Spirit. We can now see why inability to bridle the tongue or continual negative use of same may grieve Him.

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. —James 3:1-16

Sins which grieve Him are often the negative fruit of the lips because they tear apart, rather than build up the Body.

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. —Ephesians 4:25-

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2. The Holy Spirit can be Quenched

Though Elohim, Supreme and Omnipotent, the Holy Spirit can be “quenched” in a congregation or ministry.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

This happens when

- a.** A congregation or ministry does not give Him room to manifest Himself.
- b.** When saints subscribe to dogmas of men which deny the Divinity of the Holy Spirit.
- c.** Where denominations subscribe to dogmas of men which while accepting His Divinity claim that after birthing the Church on the day of Pentecost, He no longer needs to fill up, use human beings or has any role in the Church today.

- d. When Spirit-filled believers refuse to discover and exercise the spiritual gifts they have been blessed with by Him because they are “members of congregations” where they are not taught or encouraged to know the full truth of what He has imparted to them.
- e. Where saints accept the lie of the devil that the professional clergy are to do the work of Ministry while the majority of saints are merely the “laity” who warm the pews, contribute money and play church politics. Such ‘churches’ are mortuaries/morgues of gifts and callings instead of ‘hatcheries’ that bring for the grace of Elohim in the saints.
- f. Where strict organizational structures put Holy Spirit in a box to be turned on and off at our will of humans.
- g. Where the leaders are not Spirit filled, detest those who are and prevent them from flowing in Him.
- h. Where church programs and activities are done without consulting Him and without His express approval.
- i. Where ministries deny the Divinity of Yeshua (He just cannot function therein). **1 Corinthians 12:3**
- j. Where ministries that are supposedly Pentecostal embrace the leaven of Babylon in terms of making the building more important than the saints who congregate therein.
- k. Where carnal motifs like music, lighting, artificiality and worldliness in various forms including dressing and priorities literally offend Him so much that He “departs.”

I. Where individual believers get on with life without His partnership and direction and power. They rely on their intellect, human abilities and connections. This leads to preponderance of the natural life and abilities and stifles the capacity for the supernatural life.

3. Lying to the Holy Spirit

This happens when believers deliberately commit the grievous sin of using the same lips they use to utter the mysteries of the Holy Spirit to lie to duly constituted and legitimate spiritual authorities we are connected with. Such people are simply His vessels of honour. In so doing they deny the Holy Spirit His divinity and the attribute of Omniscience and Omnipresence. It is like they are suggesting that He is a toy they can switch on and off at will.

This was the sin that cost Ananias and his wife Sapphira their lives and instilled awe in the early church. Peter was used of the Lord to bring swift judgment in order to save the Body of Yeshua the corruption of the seemingly little leaven of a lying spirit. They lied to Holy Spirit out of a desire to be seen as committed to the gospel, just as Joses and some others had done in **Acts 4:32-37**.

*But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.⁹ Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. — **Acts 5:1-11.***

4. Simony and Merchandising the Holy Spirit

This is the act of trying to 'buy' spiritual gifts for self-exaltation or trying to use financial inducements influence leaders to do whatever is desired. The countless number of ministers who are seeking to merchandise the Holy Spirit by putting a price on their spiritual gifts is alarming. It is obvious they are no longer reading the account of Simon the Sorcerer in Samaria.

But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. —Acts 8:9-24

When Yeshua Jesus sent out His disciples they were given an underlying charge: “freely you have received, freely give” (See **Matthew 10:8**.) The idea is that as far as this faith and Kingdom life is concerned, we cannot validly claim intellectual property rights over any of His truths, gifts and graces. We are but stewards who the Holy Spirit has entrusted those same gifts and graces for building up the Body and impacting the world **1 Peter 4:10-11**. We must be conscious that account will be required on the last day for every way they were diverted to service the belly rather than build up the Kingdom.

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:¹⁹ Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) **Philippians 3:18-19**

5. Blasphemy: The Sin against the Holy Spirit

This is the act of maliciously attributing to Satan, the miracles done by the power of the Holy Spirit. Yeshua, Jesus Himself warned against this sin.

*Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.²⁵ And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.²⁶ And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?²⁷ And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.²⁸ But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.²⁹ Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.³⁰ He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.³¹ Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.³² And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. **Matthew 12:22-32.***

The idea is to warn Christians to be careful about passing judgment on the source of a miracle. When we are not sure, we are advised to keep silent. We can judge a prophet by their fruits or their lifestyle. If they are not bearing the fruit of the Spirit, we can beware of relating closely with them or avoid their ministry- **Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 7:15-23**. We should however avoid judging the source of their utterance.

The Sin of Blasphemy is one of those that are unto death, meaning they led to eternal damnation.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 1 John 5:16-17

6. Idolatry in His Form.

In the New Testament, Holy Spirit manifested visibly in two forms: A Dove on the Day Yeshua was baptized at Jordan in **Matthew 3:16**; and as Cloven Tongues of Fire on the Day of Pentecost in **Acts 2:1-4**. It is dangerous for saints to draw or buy images of these forms and venerate such as the Holy Spirit. The mystery of such manifestations should not be rendered vain by carnal drawings from the mental realm of humans. This is equally true of images of Lions that saints attribute to Yeshua because of His title as Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

The operating principle of all times which never fails is what Elohim said in the Holy Word:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. —Exodus 20:3-5

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7. Developing a seared conscience. The new birth does not occur until the Holy Spirit quickens the dead spirit-man to come alive. ***Ephesians 2:1-5.*** At that point, the conscience of the human comes alive as the laws of the New Covenant are written therein to instinctively know what is right and wrong even in the realm of the mind. ***Jeremiah 31:31-34***

The searing of the conscience often starts with ignoring His prompts and warning against harbouring Sin in the heart, mind and emotion repeatedly. At some point, He withdraws from the person whose conscience becomes seared and incapable of distinguishing truth and error, righteousness and sinfulness.

*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your **conscience** from dead works to serve the living God? **Hebrews 9:14***

*For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more **conscience** of sins. **Hebrews 10:2***

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good **conscience**, and of faith unfeigned: **1 Timothy 1:5***

*Holding faith, and a good **conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: **1 Timothy 1:19***

*Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure **conscience**. **1 Timothy 3:9***

*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate **Titus 1:15-16***

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 1 Timothy 4:1-2

It is a good and healthy conscience which enables us to endure wrongs, suffering graciously for His sake and our own spiritual health.

*For this is thankworthy, if a man for **conscience** toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 1 Peter 2:19*

*Having a good **conscience**; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 1 Peter 3:16*

If the conscience of a believer is seared, there is loss of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and a life of wilful sins becomes the norm rather than the exception.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.²⁸ He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:²⁹ Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?³⁰ For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:26-31

8. Apostasy. This is the grievous sin of totally falling out of the Faith in Yeshua, Jesus which was mediated by the operation of the Holy Spirit in the new birth experience. All believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit, and as they press in, are filled with Him in Baptismal measure. With this state, such believers have tasted of the world to come when the material realm is shed off. Apostasy takes place when that same saint stops believing the truth and literally walks out on the Lord back into the dominion of Satan, as it were.

*Therefore² Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.³ And this will we do, if God permit.⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,⁵ And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,⁶ If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.⁷ For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:⁸ But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.***Hebrews 6:1-8**

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **1 Timothy 4:1***

*A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject;¹¹ Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. **Titus 3:10-11***

To be forearmed is to be forewarned. Our King desires that we be pure in heart, mind, will, emotions, speech and actions, hence He is releasing these truths for our deliverance.

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free—**John 8:32.***

From a practical point of view, is safer to keep at a distance saints who walk in carelessness regarding these negative relationship attitudes if they refuse counsel to change.

Assignment.

- 1. Please briefly summarize what you understand to be the 8 sins against the Holy Spirit*
- 2. Briefly describe any new insight you personally gained from this lesson.*

**Lesson 18: Hindrances And Limitations To Pure Manifestation Of The Holy Spirit In The Church
(Part 1)**

The Holy Spirit in the New Covenant offers saints an extraordinary opportunity that those in the Old Dispensation never imagined possible: taking residence within the heart or spirit-man to seal the deal of Calvary.

In the New Covenant, birthing and manifestation of sons to re-populate the earth realm is a key cornerstone of the work of the Holy Spirit. Whereas in the previous order, He 'visited' and used their vessels to do exploits, in the New Covenant, He took up residence within hearts or spirit-man of saints, using them as vessels in an 'inside out' rather than "outside in" paradigm of ministry.

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. — 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **John 14:15-17***

With Him within, the dynamics change dramatically concerning worship. Instead of the Old system of Religion, which is manifested in rituals and dead works performed inside specially designated buildings on appointed holy days, the new paradigm is that of a loving relationship with Elohim activated within the heart or spirit-man and powered by Him in a real time basis. Here, worship becomes not an activity, but a lifestyle and relational function which can be done anywhere at any time.

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. — **John 4:21,23-24***

The New Creation is thus an extraordinary being with Divinity resident within. When this is combined with the spiritual reality of that same spirit man as seated in heavenly places in Yeshua, the overall picture is that of a totally empowered son of Elohim and Ambassador of the Kingdom planted in the earth realm to demonstrate the reality of Yeshua as the Messiah.

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. — Ephesians 2:5-10

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. — John 14:12

The overall purpose of Elohim in this context is to multiply and manifest Himself through sons in the earth realm who are in real, organic union with Him just as Yeshua was with Him when on this side of eternity.

I and my Father are one. — John 10:30.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. — John 14:7-10

*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with you, and** shall be **in you.** John 14:17*

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. — John 14:20

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. — John 17:23

In His High Priestly prayer to the Father, Yeshua said something profound about the full scope of His Mission to raise sons of Elohim in the earth realm who would inherit the Kingdom that Adam lost to Satan:

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. — John 17:20-23

The writer of the Book of Hebrews was used by Holy Spirit to articulate this dimension of the purpose for which Yeshua was incarnated.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children, which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; — Hebrews 2:9-14

Let us never forget this Truth: the unbroken relationship Yeshua enjoyed with Yahweh His Father during His earthly life was because of the Holy Spirit Who incarnated Him in the womb of Mary and came upon Him at the Baptism of John. He is still the same Holy Spirit Who is in saints today. That is why it is a critical assignment of the Holy Spirit to bring the Divine Vision of sons of Elohim functioning in the earth realm like Yeshua did to pass.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: —
Romans 8:14-16

Impurities, which interject to hinder the work of Holy Spirit.

1. Christian Religion and all of its variants hinder pure manifestation of Holy Spirit as intended by Elohim

Ministers and ministries are raised to promote this New Covenant paradigm whereby Elohim by His Spirit is re-populating the earth realm with sons who live under His dominion as part of the visible manifestation of His Kingdom. Unfortunately, Satan works overtime to deceive those who should know better to frustrate this very purpose

Unable to stop revival, Satan corrupts the hearts of ministers and practices of ministries so that they operate with a religious mindset, which quenches the Holy Spirit entirely. Other parts of the religious world constrain manifestation of Holy Spirit to what they can 'manage' Him. Religion seeks to control the Church and in so doing, resists the dominion that the Holy Spirit ought to exercise on behalf of Yeshua. What religious leaders do and how they do it, in the Name of the Lord, becomes a corruption of the Divine Intent. By trying to accumulate "members" of their often-competing denominations, the synergy that the Body would have been used by Holy Spirit to unleash in neighbourhoods, communities, cities, states and nations is constrained. Holy Spirit and His anointing in ministers is turned to a facilitator of bondage and ownership of fellow saints.

In the end what they produce are the dead works done inside named buildings on certain "holy days" while living ordinary lives with little or no virtue on "secular" days and in so called "secular work." This is the bane of Christian Religion, in spite of the Protestant Reformation and various Pentecostal experiences since then. By emphasizing rules to observe and activities to be done, Christian religion makes people lose sight of the main thing: becoming intimate with Elohim as His sons in the earth realm to represent Him by the power of the Holy Spirit just as Yeshua did. They can get so caught up and enthralled by externalities that they forget that nothing done by an active self-life is acceptable to Him.

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.
— **Colossians 2:16-23**

It is interesting that Spirit filled ministers can be active racists and political operatives fighting partisan causes 'in the Name of God'.

2. Holy Spirit can be wrongly used and yet the anointing manifests. Impurity is the outcome.

At the heart of why many ministers and ministries are still purveyors of Christian Religion rather than instruments of advancing the true gospel of Yeshua, Jesus and the Kingdom, two core reasons can be adduced:

a. The first is that which Yeshua warned against: A question of Operating System

When a religious mindset is in a minister or at the root of a ministry's basic operating system, the Presence of Holy Spirit will be inevitably diverted to serve flesh. Religion enslaves and does not empower. So, though saints may be filled, they are of little value to Holy Spirit because they "use Him" rather than trusting Him to use them as He wills. In the end, the scope that Holy Spirit would have used them to preach the gospel anywhere and everywhere with signs and wonders following is constrained to a whimper of what is done inside "church services". The sad reality is that multitude of Pentecostal ministries today have placed this religious wrap around Holy Spirit.

Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. —

Matthew 9:17

b.The second is that Gifts of the Holy Spirit and His callings are without repentance.

Because the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit manifesting as the anointing are not automatically withdrawn when backsliding in heart or practice kicks in, there will still be external manifestations of the gifts as the anointing can run on autopilot. Undoubtedly, there is widespread evidence of this reality across the world. With many truly anointed ministers getting caught up in love of money and clear worship of Mammon - the abomination of Babylon - many decent sinners and saints alike are giving up on "Church"

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. — Romans 11:29

Holy Spirit does not suffer from Amnesia. He knows when the heart of a minister is drawn away from submission to Yeshua the Head. But in the divine economy, though He writes "Ichabod" on such ministers and their ministries – clearly evident to all who have discernment; the anointing He released into the spirit-man does not depart from such vessel.

This leads to a situation however where either of two scriptures is fulfilled:

Where the vessel responsible for this diversion from divine purpose manages to repent before death. In this case all his/her works cannot earn eternal credits though salvation of the soul is guaranteed by the Blood of the Lamb

According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abides which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. — 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Where the vessel remains in the state of backsliding or apostasy until death. In that case, there is ultimate rejection of both the corrupt soul and corrupt works by Yeshua at end of the age

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. — Matthew 7:21-23

The very anointing which would have been an instrument of glory in the world to come will stand against the vessels on the Last day. This is why true saints are warned not to be carried away by external manifestations of power but rather to weigh such with the fruit of lifestyle of the preachers. Fruit is not difficult to discern because it is manifested in priorities, attitudes, inclinations of the hearts and who or what the chosen lifestyle points to.

*Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. — **Matthew 7:16-20***

3. Worldliness. This can manifest in Artificiality/Make Believe, and rejection of Simplicity of the gospel.

This creates an unreal effect: packaging of images to be projected that may be far from reality. Our King and Saviour Yeshua was simple, real and uncomplicated so much so that His disciples had access to Him. He dined with them and interacted with them without protocol to the extent that on the day of His arrest, religious leaders needed to hire Judas to give positive identification out of 12 men. Those who will be used by Holy Spirit in an exponential way are called to be separate from the world and its false ways.

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. — **2 Corinthians 6:14-18***

*No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. — **2 Timothy 2:4***

*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? — **James 4:4-5***

This is by no means a call to isolation because we are called to engage with the world in order to be used by Him to impart and impact it. He placed us here as part of the Body of Yeshua to engage with the world from a place of our unique identity as His representatives:

*I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; — **John 17:14-20***

Deploying the same old bag of tricks first used against Eve, Satan is always walking around to draw away the hearts and minds of as many ministers as he can from the simplicity of the gospel of the Kingdom. He causes some of his victims to see the Holy Spirit; His anointing and gifts as their personal property to use, as they want and for purposes which represent self-aggrandizement, rather than fulfil the Divine Purpose. The warning issued through John the Beloved is clear and unambiguous.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. — 1 John 2:15-17

When Babylon sets in.

When the spirit of Babylon sets in, ministers reject the simplicity of Yeshua and prefer the projected image of super stars borrowed from Hollywood. The idea is to create a personality brand/cult, which is projected into the psyche of Christians. Once this is accomplished, Christians are programmed to deny the Headship of Yeshua, Jesus unawares by seeing themselves as 'fans' or blind followers of their human leaders.

To worsen matters, religion makes them an “unworthy”, dormant consumerist laity, dependent on his/her anointing to function. Because of this tendency, ministers are tempted and encouraged by their publicists and handlers to spend stupendous amounts of money (relative to providing for the poor and works of mercy) on fleeting fancies such as: attire and fashion accessories with intent to “impress,” lure to their own brands/denominations; disproportionate expenditure on special effects such as lighting designed to create a worldly atmosphere; and sound effects to create artificiality. This is the basis of the “Come Here” paradigm, which makes of no effect the instruction of Yeshua to “Go Ye.” The result is recycling of believers who are “church hopping,” comparing leaders with carnal frames and missing out entirely on what Holy Spirit is saying.

*And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.³ For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?⁴ For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. **1 Corinthians 3:1-9***

Assignment.

1. Briefly describe 3 insights you personally gained from this lesson.
2. Explain why the ‘anointing’ may still be working even when the Holy Spirit is displeased with the vessel.

3. What are the dangers of worldliness to manifestations of Holy Spirit

Lesson 19: Additional Hindrances To Pure Manifestation Of Holy Spirit (Part b)

Protestantism generally and Pentecostalism especially fell on bad ways not because Holy Spirit had stopped His work but because His Grace has been despised and misused. When the capacity to be changed from inside out and made a functional part of Yeshua, Jesus is lost to the quest to build religiously and accumulate worldly assets, the basis of protesting from Rome is totally negated.

One of the wonders of the end times is that many Pentecostal, Charismatic and Evangelical leaders and ministries seem content with the great moral declension that is upon the so-called living Church. A few years ago, the Protestant world woke up to the news that the founder of the largest Pentecostal ministry in Sweden had gone back to the Roman Catholic Church. The late South African Bishop Tony worked tirelessly on behalf of Pope Francis to convince major Pentecostal and Evangelical leaders to start meeting, backslapping and planning for the great journey back home (to Rome).

As we have seen in the past few Lessons, when the vessels He purposes to use approach or embrace Him with less than the right quality of esteem and honour, He leaves them to do their own stuff. Of this stuff, the witness of Scripture has been proven true time and again:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 1 Timothy 4:1-2

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. — 2 Timothy 3:1-7

There is need to reiterate that the sorry state of the Church today is directly attributable to how it has treated Holy Spirit in the past and present. Praise Yahweh that by Himself - lest any should boast - He preserved a remnant according to the election of Grace (See Romans 11:1-6.) Let none of us boast therefore about standing. Without His Grace, we would have been swept away. As He reveals to us in this course a fairly comprehensive range of things which have hindered pure manifestation of Holy Spirit, it is important that we do not become wearied, thinking that knowing the full scope of the problem does not matter. Assumptions can be dangerous. If we do not know how the past missed Him, how can we guarantee that the present and future will not follow suit?

Additional Hindrances.

Building on what was revealed in the previous Lesson, here are additional attitudes and actions which hinder pure manifestation of Holy Spirit. To be fore warned is to be fore armed.

4. Boasting and loud display of Flesh as if the miracles, healings and supernatural manifestations are by the ministers' own power.

Modern advertising forms fuel this anomaly, and many take it as normal. It is very easy through what is released in print, radio, TV and social media like Facebook to give the impression that a ministry activity being undertaking is by one's own power or that one is better than others. Boasting is the root of pride which Elohim hates. He undertakes to resist the proud.

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? — 1 Corinthians 4:7

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. — James 4:6

This also applies to over advertisement of the alms and good we do on Social media in a way which is blatantly self-projecting, without "subdued" language.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. — Matthew 6:1-4

5. Using His anointing with Malice or in Vengeance: The dangers of "dangerous prayers"

Malice is evil intent in the heart unleashed through "ministry" to run down or destroy other people. Vengeance is the desire in the heart to exact revenge for wrong perceived to have been done by others. To be vengeful is to despise the Lord who has clearly warned against such tendencies:

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. — Romans 12:19

Malice and Vengeance often manifest in what is called dangerous prayers. To invoke the Name of Holy Spirit as an instrument to wage spiritual warfare against fellow saints or humans is to slide into charismatic witchcraft of a terrible order. Our warfare is not against flesh and blood.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. — Ephesians 6:12

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. — 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Unfortunately, fighting flesh and blood – real or perceived enemies including relations, friends, colleagues, bosses - is a common practice today among Pentecostals and Charismatics. The practice of calling down “Holy Ghost Fire” to destroy fellow humans generally or even other Spirit-filled saints is religious perversion at its worst manifestation. He certainly is no missile to be maliciously used to destroy “enemies.”

6. Corruption of His Purity. This involves deliberately making unclean and unholy, a vessel in which the fountain of Holiness resides. This is manifested in the Styles and Patterns of life and ministry which dishonours He Whose temples we are. Such actions include:

a. Using the anointing to foster Nimrodic tendencies such as practices of the Nicolaitanes which isolates leaders from the saints; This makes leaders assume 'ownership' of saints who are subject to their control in all dimensions of their lives. There is surely room for godly oversight but certainly none for control of the sacrosanct will of human beings which even Holy Spirit Himself respects. Kingdom leadership is about serving, not lording it over the saints **(Matthew 20:20-28)**.

b. Using the anointing to divide the Church by creation of denominations. Whereas the Holy Spirit was given to perfect the Church in Love and Unity when He is rather used as an instrument to carve out mutually exclusive pockets of saints, a perversion is in place.

c. Inability to simply be vessels through which the Holy Spirit blesses all who need a touch from King Yeshua Who we preach. When anointing of Holy Spirit and His gifts are utilized to promote brands - whether the minister as an individual who refuses to decrease for Yeshua to increase in saints or the denominational brand, corruption has ensued. There are many ministers world-wide who could have been used to spark and sustain revival but have blocked same because they cannot allow Him to just use them to bless the Body. They always seek something in return which is to take over lives of those who want to tap into the anointing in them. For other leaders, they just cannot resist the temptation to create "branches" of their denominations as fruit of whatever ministry Holy Spirit uses them to render in different cities. Setting up "branches" rather than planting Congregations/Churches has the net effect of channelling Holy Spirit to serve denominationalism.

d. Living in Sin when Holy Spirit is resident within the heart. With entrance of spirit of Sin which is of Satan into that same heart where Holy Spirit resides, a minister becomes a walking hypocrite, preaching the Truth but living a lie. Concerning this, what was said of Jews who were proud of their religion is equally true for preachers who live in sin:

*Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. — **Romans 2:21-24***

If this is so in the present phase of life, worse lies ahead. Contrary to the lie and wrong application of the doctrine of eternal security, the uniform testimony of the Holy Scriptures says that those who live in presumptuous sin and continue therein till death or His return have denied the faith in Yeshua and despised Holy Spirit Who sealed and anointed them. They thus become apostate, fit for judgment at end of the age.

*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. — **Hebrews 6:4-8***

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. —

Hebrews 10:26-31

The onus is on all anointed ministers to respect the reality that of themselves they can do nothing. With this background, ministers need to continually be aware of the great privilege of being vessels containing Presence of The Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent One - Who Yeshua clearly proclaimed to be extra sensitive:

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. —

Matthew 12:31-32

All leaders need to be humble before the Holy Spirit and emulate Paul who disciplined himself not to be a cast away.

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. —1 Corinthians 9:27

If we do our part in agreeing with King Yeshua that these spots, wrinkles and other such things mar the beauty of the Church and reject them, He will save us from being ensnared by the antics and teachings of false teachers who will be commissioned by Satan to compromise purity of the remnant.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: —

2 Peter 2:1-9

In the matter of preachers and teachers of the end times, we clearly have a choice to base our faith on the immutable word or sentiments that will fail. The word makes it clear that there will be those who have fallen out of faith but released by the enemy to ensnare souls. We are to contend for the true Faith which the Alpha Church received from Yeshua, walked in it and made a huge mark as Holy Spirit led them. Holy Spirit is available to help us, if we give Him space to lead us. Ultimately, it is He Who helps us to build up our Faith in Truth.

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. **Jude 1:3-4***

1. Carnality. This is the life of living by the emotions: affections, feelings, sentiment, and natural desires which lead to stunted spiritual growth or, at best flip flopping in spirituality between highs and lows. The Holy Spirit enables us to live by faith, not sight and therefore above the paygrade of things that would normally bring pain. He does this by leading us to the Cross, enabling us to embrace crucifixion with Yeshua so that our lives are delivered from carnality. The outcome is true spirituality in our walk.

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **Galatians 2:20***

Assignment.

1. Briefly describe 3 insights you personally gained from this lesson.

LESSON 20: Outcomes When the Truth of Holy Spirit and the Kingdom Church Sink in

It is needful to consider some key outcomes heaven expects from those who embrace the truths shared in the previous Lessons.

1. Saints will stop playing games with this supernatural indwelling of Elohim Himself. Holy Spirit is not for show or building self-centered human religious corporations for making money or enjoying fame and power.

2. We will realize that we are the Church. Our bodies individually are the living temples of Holy Spirit as **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** states. Three significant events happened to emphasize superiority of the hearts (spirit man) of saints to the Temple that was in Jerusalem. The first was the rending of the great veil which separated the Holy of Holies in the temple when Yeshua gave up the ghost. This signified the end of the old Covenant where Elohim dwelt in a particular building (the Temple) in a particular city (Jerusalem). The second was when Roman General Titus led his legionaries in AD 70 to completely demolish the magnificent temple in fulfillment of the prophecy of **Matthew 24:1-2**. The third was when the Othman General who conquered Jerusalem built the Third holiest shrine of Islam - Dome on the Rock - on site of the Temple.

3. We will realize the emphasis of Elohim has conclusively shifted from buildings to people. Yeshua, Jesus Himself said emphatically that He would be found where two or three saints are gathered in His name. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. — **Matthew 18:20** For the Great Commission to be fulfilled, we must realize that the place of action will not be large, expensive cathedrals in which men seek to assume popish postures. The ground zero operation will be how many spontaneous fellowship of saints we allow Holy Spirit to spawn in cities and villages using unlikely vessels – sons of Elohim by Holy Spirit who are neither male nor female, Jew or Gentile, bond or free. The holy activity of breaking of bread, worship, diligent study of scriptures, mutual edification and support for one another will keep saints bonded together to occupy for Him while awaiting the sound of the trumpet.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. — Acts 2:44-47

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. — Acts 4:32-37

4. We will realize the need for order in public meetings. Our bigger gatherings become places for receiving the synergistic ministry of the fivefold and to continue in the Apostles Doctrine which is rooted on the divinity of Yeshua Who gave His Life that we may live and centrality of preaching the Kingdom. Interestingly, **1 Corinthians Chapter 14** was written to guide the Church concerning use of the gifts of Holy Spirit in public worship settings. Unfortunately, majority of ministers and ministries function in breach of clear instructions for order in the house of God. The result is that Christians of the Pentecostal variety tend to equate confusion, disorder and noise as key evidence of the presence of Holy Spirit.

5. We will not discriminate against any saint on the basis of age or gender or socio-economic status. We will not struggle with such religious issues as whether women or youths can minister. Whoever Holy Spirit anoints with power and whoever He endows with spiritual gifts and His grace is eminently qualified to use those same endowments to minister to Elohim and His people. *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. — Galatians 3:13-14, 26-29*

6. We will realize and accept the divine perspective of ministry rather than the religious concept of work which a few people with ecclesiastical titles do as a special class of people. It is the Holy Spirit who makes us the redeemed of the blood, priests and kings unto our Elohim, functioning according to our divine identities marked by the spiritual gifts we receive. Ministry therefore is simply the “expression of what we are impressed with”.

According to **1 Corinthians 12:7,11** the Holy Spirit uses our vessels to show forth His power, at His will. (**See Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians Chapters 12 and 14; Ephesians 4:7-16.**) *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. — 1 Corinthians 12:7,11* When saints operate in this paradigm, all restrictions to true ministry are taken away. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen. — **1 Peter 4:10-11**

7. We will settle for nothing less than a life and ministry lived and based on the fullness of Holy Spirit who takes full residency as our comforter, teacher, guide, helper in prayer; and indeed our everything. 8. Saints will emulate Yeshua and desist from using carnal senses to judge situations. In the same way, saints will not make haste to answer questions, start any business or ministry activity until we hear from Him through the various ways He speaks. This makes it imperative that saints pray without ceasing and form the holy habit of inquiring of Him before making decisions.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears. — Isaiah 11:1-3. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. — Isaiah 28:16

9. Brethren will pray through, study and meditate on the revelations we received in this course and prepare our hearts to receive the full ministration of Holy Spirit as expositied. Holy Spirit is the principal divine agent for bringing forth the present and future dimension of our manifestation. *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.* — **Romans 8:19** The Lord beckons on us therefore to cease from our own works, enter into His rest while Holy Spirit uses our mortal beings as a conduit to manifest the risen Yeshua in all His holiness and power *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.* — **Hebrews 4:9-10** Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself nor does He draw attention to Himself. His chief work is to point people to Yeshua as the only solution to sin, death and sickness; to convict such people of sin, righteousness and judgment; and to magnify the ministry and office of Yeshua. He is given to provide illumination and remind saints of what Yeshua would have done if He was in their stead. In the course of that which is of Him, there will always be clear glorification of Yeshua. (*See John 14:15-18, 25-26; John 16:5-15.*) What He is to do in, with and through us has already been modeled by Yeshua our Head. Not only was Yeshua incarnated by operation of Holy Spirit as **Luke 1:35** says; all other things about Him reveal that in that Body prepared for Him , He needed fullness of Holy Spirit to function optimally and fulfill the will of Elohim.

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. — **John 3:34** *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* — **Acts 10:38**

If it was so with Him who is Elohim made flesh how much more do we who are mortals need Holy Spirit to represent and occupy for Yeshua everywhere we are planted? Anything you can do without Him is Flesh. The Omega Church Revival pattern is different from that of previous generations. In the recent and distant past major revivals have been centered on Big Names – human Superstars in the gospel who fill camp grounds or Hollywood-type decorated, stadia with adoring-type fans attracted by the glitzy and loud advertisements. To some extent, people have experienced infillings of Holy Spirit in such settings but the focus has always been on the speakers and their ministries or organizations. In the Omega Chapter, the emphasis will be on the Body of saints that are empowered afresh with Holy Spirit to be a visible, manifest expression of Yeshua, Jesus the Head, right where they are. Saints will be used by Holy Spirit to do exploits free of the humanistic boxes called denominations as well as Church Buildings. It will not be about just tongues but rather raw manifestation of His power, both in the Market Place and inside congregational settings. Some saints will move in faith to become solution providers to the endemic problems the world faces in all sectors. There will be saints in the Market Place flowing in the kind of anointing that Joseph, Daniel, Joshua and Zerubbabel operated in. This does not in any way imply that the world will suddenly embrace Yeshua and the gospel of the Kingdom. Satan will still harden the hearts of multitudes. In some areas, saints will suffer martyrdom joyfully as they seal their testimonies with Blood emulating faith worthies like Stephen.

As saints arise in this dimension of glory, all excuses sinners had will be knocked off by a clearly visible, dynamic and present Church. This end time revival is about preaching the gospel to all the world as a witness before the King returns. *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. — Acts 1:8 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. — Matthew 24:14*

Lest we forget: Holy Spirit empowers saints to govern the earth as originally planned. The original intent of Elohim for His sons in the earth realm to govern it on His behalf is as valid as the day it was first given: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. — Genesis 1:26-28 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. — Genesis 2:15 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. — Psalm 115:16.*

By Adam's original sin, that mandate was lost. The core purpose of Yeshua as the Ultimate Son was that by His death, the price was paid for restoration of the mantle on those who would believe (See **Hebrews 2:9-14**.) Holy Spirit was given to birth by the Word, empower and lead saints to live and serve with the authority and power to affect the natural from the spiritual realm (**See Romans 8:12-16**). Without any shadow of doubt, it is Holy Spirit in us that makes it possible. He does not govern the earth realm but has rather committed same into hands of those who are connected to the Head, Yeshua and have given Him right of way to use their vessels to impart others and humanity as well as impact their generation. This reality will come to pass when we look beyond the buildings of brick and mortar and activities therein and begin to take spiritual responsibility and oversight of our neighborhoods, communities, cities, counties, states and nations. When we embrace the holistic gospel, we will not just preach, we will desire that those who embrace Yeshua become transformed into His disciples and function as sons of Elohim who know their Father, are strong in Him and take responsibility for managing His estate. A responsibility mindset will activate the capacity to be the Salt and Light Yeshua desired of us.

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. — **Matthew 5:13-16*** Let us take note however that the measure of the Kingdom of Priests and Kings we are at the present is to be consummated when Yeshua returns to establish His Millennial - right here in the earth realm when we will rule and reign with Him. *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. — **Revelation 1:6*** And they sung a new song, saying, *Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. — **Revelation 5:9-10*** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. — **Revelation 20:4-6.**

Our King Yeshua has given an undertaking to release the water of the Word which Holy Spirit will use to cleanse and purify His Body. He invites our partnership in the most critical project of the end times: preparing His Church to be all He redeemed her to be ahead of His soon return.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. — Ephesians 5:25-27.

Assignment:

1. Discuss the major things you learnt from this lesson.

Lesson 21: Leadership of the Holy Spirit: the Ultimate Sign of Sonship

With the five senses, human beings are prone to rely on their flesh (the soul and the body) for day-to-day life and determine what to do when faced with situations that require a decision one way or the other. These five senses are called the carnal (natural) senses and are limited by our finite mind. Those who are in Yeshua, Jesus are the new creation of Elohim. He gives them the gift and privilege to come into personal relationship with Him and be His sons in the earth realm just as Adam was before he fell. This is a distinguishing mark between true saints and those who clung to Moses legalistically, devoid of personal relationship with Elohim.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.¹² But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:11-13

As stated earlier, Holy Spirit is the Chief Instrument of bringing humans into this blessed experience of the New Creation. Unfortunately, many believers begin this way in the Spirit but try to continue the journey in the flesh.

*Are ye so foolish? having **begun in the Spirit**, are ye now made perfect by **the flesh**? **Galatians 3:3***

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. — 1 Corinthians 2:14

The same Holy Spirit Who reveals Yeshua as the Ultimate Sacrifice for Sin and leads sinners to receive Him by grace through faith is the same Being Who seals them into Him, imparting the Root or Basic Gifts. As we also saw, it is still He Who transforms saints from glory to glory, becoming more like the Head in All things, bearing fruit of the Spirit. It He Who unites saints with their common Head, Yeshua and other members of the Body to function as a living, loving organism rather than a religious organization. He is still the instrument of releasing power for saints to demonstrate Yeshua in the earth realm by the spiritual gifts imparted into those who receive Him in a baptismal measure.

In addition to this and all else already said, Holy Spirit also has a special role to play in the lives of saints until they finish their pilgrimage on this side of eternity. It is to lead them to know the mind of Yahweh their Father in Heaven, walk in the centre of His will and be guided through the journey of life. This is because, born of the Spirit and Word, they are designed to live and walk differently from the world. The reason is that their spiritual sense is Faith, which is above and beyond the five carnal senses of natural humans (seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling) . Because the faith sense is activated by Holy Spirit when He seals them and as He transform them, they are designed to rely on Him entirely to guide their spirit-man which then leads their Flesh. That way, they do not make unnecessary mistakes in assessing people and situations; avoid unnecessary roadblocks and costly detours.

For we walk by faith, not by sight— 2 Corinthians 5:7

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: —
Romans 8:12-16

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Romans 8:14***

*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. — **Galatians 4:6-7***

Why Only the Holy Spirit should lead saints?

Let this previously stated truth sink in the most practical acid test for distinguishing sons of Elohim from the billions of people in the earth realm is how far Holy Spirit leads or guides in all things. It is His responsibility to lead saints living in the earth realm. To lead is to guide, to order the steps of. The grand idea behind this Divine Project is based on these realities:

1. He knows the mind and will of the Father at all times.

*And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. — **Romans 8:27***

Because of access to the mind of Yahweh, He is best suited to lead saints to walk therein. It brings the Father great pleasure when His sons make His will their dwelling place. This was a distinguishing mark in the life of Yeshua.

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. —

John 4:34

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. — John 5:30

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. — John 6:38

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, which he may establish the second. — Hebrews 10:5-9

2. He alone knows the true state of the hearts and minds of humans. If we are sensitive to His voice and attune our ears to Him, we will not make wrong decisions about who to entrust our hearts in love as to marriage partners or who to connect with as business partners. Even in general relationships with people, we will not be swayed by what we see with the eyes; hear with our ears about people or their dressing, cars they ride, homes they live in or photo shopped images on Facebook and other social media which may be nothing more than calculated 'make believe'.

3. He alone knows the way through the wilderness of life. If we give Him right of way, we will not lose our way. If we give Him right of way, He will direct us to all the people assigned by heaven to be part of our earthly walk. With Him as guide of life, we can walk in sure footedness, sidestepping dangers.

4. In ministry, He is the greatest resource we need. Knowing, believing and allowing this truism to be an experiential reality is the beginning of true wisdom. This reality is what will ultimately distinguish the mature in Yeshua from the immature and carnal. Let us take note of these realities about leadership of the Holy Spirit.

5. He determines the Mission Field which though looking good is not really ready for us. If we believe this truth like Paul did, we will be sensitive to His voice, lest we send our selves where He did not ordain.

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. —Acts 16:6-7

a. He determines the Mission Field that is ripe for plucking. Ordinarily, a mission field may not appear spiritually viable. But Holy Spirit knows when hearts are ready and the best timing for the harvest. If we are spiritually alive, we ought to hear from Him when a field is ready.

And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. — Acts 16:8-10

b. He knows which hearts are ready to be convicted and leads us to them or them to us.

This was the case with Cornelius and his household in **Acts 10**. The truth is that in the divine economy, Holy Spirit is the Chief Instrument of Church Growth. When saints ignore this reality, they visit Babylon to borrow worldly marketing and promotional gimmicks which exalt flesh, ignite competition, jealousy and offend heaven.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. — Acts 2:41,47

c. He knows who Elohim has determined us to be and do, relative to the harvest. If we die to self and cease from relying on our fleshly minds, He will speak precisely and accurately to direct as He did with the Church at Antioch when transitioning Barnabas and Paul for Apostolic Missions to the Gentile world.

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. — Acts 13:1-4

d. Whether to be used to break the ground and move on; plant the word in the hearts of sinners and move on; water the word and move on; be the vessel to reap the harvest of their souls or any combination of these phases. When ministry is done in sensitivity to His leading, it becomes sweat less and full of grace, devoid of pressure to perform. Better results are achieved.

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. — 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. — John 4:35-38

6. He leads us to connect and be rightly aligned with other saints to manifest as companies or local Body where Yeshua placed us as instruments of building others up and receive the vital spiritual nutrients which build us up.

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. — Acts 4:23

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. — Ephesians 4:15-16

It is not right to choose a 'Church home' or congregation naturally. Carnal considerations such as racial or ethnic affiliation with the Pastor or his/her charisma – without receiving leading of Holy Spirit can cause saints to miss Elohim's will. Not everybody is commissioned by Yeshua to speak into your life. It is He Who gives Pastors after His heart, properly equipped to impart and impact you by the Holy Spirit Who uses their available vessels.

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. — Jeremiah 3:15

7. For Preachers and Teachers, His leading includes these:

a. Inspiration as to what to preach. To preach or teach out of learning and memory has limited effect. But when the same is done under unction of Holy Spirit, the results can be dramatic. This was the reason for the exponential growth of the Alpha Church.

b. The anointing from Him causes utterance of the right words which bring conviction and transmit empowerment. With the anointing backing up the word, change will be possible in the lives and mindsets of saints. He uses the Word to renew minds and change hearts to transform them. No carnal effort of a preacher can change the hearts and minds of humans which is deceitful.

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?¹⁰ I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings **Jeremiah 17:9-10***

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. — **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24***

8. His leading should guide us in choice of vessels for leadership. Most of the problems in the Body of Yeshua are directly related to picking of people by carnal considerations whereas their hearts are either not right or ready. Ministers must avoid pressure to fill up vacant positions and rather allow the Holy Spirit to either speak specifically or prove His choice by their consistent lifestyle and actions.

*And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: ⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. — **Acts 6:1-6***

*And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. — **1 Timothy 3:10***

Let us never forget how Samuel the Prophet would have messed up in the choice of a leader for Israel.

*And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.⁷ But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. — **1 Samuel 16:6-7***

9. He inspires and leads us to pray the perfect will of Elohim. In this way, saints are saved from the pressures of carnally discerned needs or pressures to get blessings.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God,. — Romans 8:26-27

10. The light provided by the Holy Spirit is what will preserve saints from spiritual slumber so that they can watch and pray and be in readiness for the coming of the Lord. He is the key asset that makes saints of the last generation to live like the wise virgins that were faithful to the end.

*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.³ They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.¹² But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.¹³ Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. **Matthew 25:1-13.***

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarise any 5 of the points in this lesson.

Lesson 22: How The Holy Spirit Communicates

Let us never forget that the Elohim, the Triune Godhead is truly One in essence. The Personhood of the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit is part of the mystery of the gospel which can only be understood by revelation and faith. It is a matter of Grace. Whether the Father, The Son or the Holy Spirit is speaking at any given time, the most important truth is to know that all the three agree from eternity past, through eternity present and in eternity to come. As a Triune Godhead, communication is intrinsically implied. The same way the mystery of relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is sustained by communication, in so manner the Godhead desires to bring those redeemed by the Blood into an intimate relationship marked by our hearing the Voice of Elohim. As in all else, the Word from the Godhead or the Persons therein is released in the earth room through the Holy Spirit. It is in this regard, that we can understand the truth uttered by the Incarnate Yeshua:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.² But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.⁴ And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.⁵ And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers...²⁶ But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **John 10:1-5, 26-27***

Before He completed the earthly assignment, Yeshua Jesus gave an insight into how His sheep would hear from Him:

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.²⁰ At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.²² Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.²⁴ He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **John 14:15-26***

The Alpha Church was used exponentially because the saints of that era knew what it was to be led of the Holy Spirit. They knew and accepted the reality that the First Order of Kingdom Business is to die to self. In reality, Holy Spirit excels in leading “dead humans.” These are those who have willingly responded to the invitation to identify self as the biggest barrier to spiritual growth and accordingly lay same on the Altar as a living sacrifice bound to the horns until all of flesh is consumed.

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? —**Matthew 16:24-26***

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. —Galatians 2:20

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. —Galatians 6:14

It is not by accident that the passages which speak of spiritual gifts contain an invitation to die to self and put on a renewed mind. Self cannot allow community to emerge and since one of the major assignments of Holy Spirit is to bring forth the Organic Body of Yeshua wherein no one is known after the Flesh by manifesting a quantum of Him through their different vessels, He first desires that saints get their old Self natures out of the way.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. —Romans 12:1-3

A careful examination of 1 **Corinthians 12** and **Ephesians 4:1-16** makes it clear that unity is the heart of spiritual gifts. Holy Spirit does not give His anointing for people to make a name for themselves, drawing people into sects and parties but to enable each vessel to contribute to the overall health of the Church, bringing glory to Yeshua, Jesus the Head. (See **Ephesians 4:15-16**.)

Some Ways the Holy Spirit Speaks to Saints

To allow Him to lead us, we need to develop the holy Habit of not making haste but rather wait to hear Him speak or discern How He leads.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. —Isaiah 28:16

As we are different, so does He speak to and leads us differently. From this list, you can locate how He speaks to you. Please feel free to list other ways He speaks to you.

1.Audible Voice. Holy Spirit speaks audibly to some people as He has been doing from the day of Creation. Holy Spirit is a Person Who speaks with clarity. He communicates the mind of Elohim to those willing to hear. This was the case of the apostolic call of Paul and Barnabas in Antioch.

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. —Acts 13:1-4

The Church at Antioch heard His audible voice collectively concerning separating Barnabas and Saul for ministry to the Gentiles.

2. The Written Word. Holy Spirit speaks through the quickening of specific verses of scripture that minister to the individual saint. The quickening can occur when you are studying and meditating on the Word alone in His Presence. It can also be as a preacher or teacher is expounding the word publicly, but you receive specific rhema that others may not have on a particular passage as it applies to you as an individual. Those who make it a regular habit of studying and meditating on the Word have the greatest chance of receiving inspiration from Elohim.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. —2 Timothy 3:15-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. —Colossians 3:16

3. Burden or impression laid within the heart. Holy Spirit can lay burdens on saints which refuse to be shaken off. The burden may be to do a particular thing; make a particular sacrifice; be careful of a particular set of people who the enemy wants to use to draw you away from the path of spiritual growth or indeed anything Elohim wants to catch your attention on.

4. Revelatory Gifts. Holy Spirit uses the various revelatory gifts to communicate to specific saints. The revelatory gifts include prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, dreams, interpretation of dreams; Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues; visions, trances, discernment. The call of Saul (**Acts 9:1-16**) and the call of Peter to the gentile mission field (**See Acts 10:1-16**) involved the revelatory gifts.

5. Manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In our day to day lives and work in Church and society occasions arise when spiritual gifts manifest, as the Holy Spirit wills **1 Corinthians 12:7**. Manifestation of the gifts reveals what He wants done. The word "Manifestation" means "showing up of Holy Spirit through a vessel" (See **Romans 12:2-8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11**.) It is important therefore that all saints pay the price of discipline to discern or discover their spiritual gift(s). Living holy unto the Lord, loving Him and the brethren and flowing in spiritual gifts as a lifestyle is a very healthy thing to do.

6. Providential Steps. **Psalm 37:23** says the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Holy Spirit orders our lives and circumstances in such a way that we learn to depend on Elohim for our future. He also leads paths of saints to cross with other vessels ordained as destiny helpers or instruments of taking them to the next level of service. This can only happen when we are in the spirit and have crucified the flesh and its mind and emotion driven analysis of people and situations. For Esther the vessel was Mordecai, for Saul it was Barnabas, for the Ethiopian eunuch it was Phillip. Circumstances can also be divinely orchestrated by Him to bring out gifts embedded deep within Christians, including movement from one location to another where the heavens open.

In **Acts 8:1-8** persecutions by Herod and the martyrdom of Stephen led the maintenance minded church of Jerusalem to scatter. The outcome was unexpected. Phillip, fit only to be a deacon to mind the “other business” of the early church, which consisted of distributing relief equitably to widows of Jewish and Grecian stock, was used mightily of Elohim to evangelize Samaria where he ran to with mighty signs and wonders following. In that shift, his gifting as a fivefold leader in the office of an evangelist was manifested.

Romans 8:28 teaches that all things work together for good for them who love Elohim and are called by Him. What are you passing through? What is Holy Spirit is saying, even if you are in the midst of fire like the three Hebrew children in **Daniel 3**.

Passion/Love. Love is a powerful and positive emotion planted in hearts of saints by the Holy Spirit. If you find yourself peculiarly drawn toward a particular ministry or Kingdom activity, you may as well give yourself to intense prayers and diligence in learning all you can about that particular ministry. After all, **1 Corinthians 13** asserts that love is the greatest gift. Whatever is driven by true agape love devoid of selfish or sinful motives is of Holy Spirit.

7. Answers to Prayer. Elohim expects His children to make prayer a lifestyle especially in seeking divine direction concerning what to say or do.

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
Luke 18:1

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

We need to wait on the Lord in importunate prayer and if needful, add fasting when faced with situations requiring us to make decisions on the direction to go. It is dangerous to allow our thinking or emotions to drive us to make major decisions of life like marriage; who to submit to; who to fellowship with and other such things. If we ask, seek and knock, He Who calls will answer (See **Luke 18:1-18; Luke 11:5-10.**)

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? —Matthew 7:7-11

8. Brokenness. Divine strength is for the broken, the weak and humble who are sensitive to the voice and leading of the Holy Spirit. For Him to use His elect, He first breaks their strength, pride, esteem and ego (**See 1 Samuel 2:4; Psalm 51:16-17; Isaiah 66:1-2.**) Jacob was broken at Jabbok. David was broken after his sin with Bathsheba; Peter, after he denied Yeshua, Jesus; Paul on his way to Damascus to destroy the early Church. When we are broken we no longer rely on our natural strength, wisdom and worldly endowments but entirely on His Spirit to function. Whenever you are going through a prolonged breaking process, be sure that the Lord is preparing you for an awesome assignment.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. —1 Peter 5:10

9. The Still, small voice which is like a whisper into our spirit-man. This soft voice can only be heard by those who are alive spiritually and whose souls are subject to their spirit-man

10. He can speak to us through anointed vessels of leaders who have a vibrant relationship with Him as they preach or counsel.

11. Communion. The more intimate we are the more we can hear His voice in real time. This is what is called Communion with the Godhead.

*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. **John 17:20-24***

12. There are various other ways the Holy Spirit speaks that are bespoke to our specific relationship with the Godhead.

Confirming His Voice:

No matter which of the above ways you perceived that the Holy Spirit is speaking to you, it is important to apply the benchmarks of the Kingdom so that you can be assured without any shadow of doubt that He is the One at work.

The benchmarks are found in **Romans 14:17-18**: Righteousness, Peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Once you have a sense of right standing with Elohim concerning what you perceive the Holy Spirit is saying to you and it lines up with the Word; if the peace of Yeshua which passes all understanding and a well spring of joy fill your heart even when your circumstances appear dark, you can boldly step forward, knowing assuredly that He will never leave you or forsake you (See **Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 13:5, 6**.) When our minds are stayed on Him, the chances of missing the mark are reduced.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
—**Isaiah 26:3**

Role of death of Self

Let this inconvenient truth be emphasized again: the Holy Spirit functions like a gentleman. He will not gate crash into a heart that is closed to Him. To die to self and surrender the heart realm 100 percent to Him is not an option, if the Omega Church hopes to match and better the record of the Alpha Church. Acts of the Apostles should be rightly titled “Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.” In them He found empty vessels free of agenda and ambitions. Their driving force was zeal to be and do all that their Head and King, Yeshua commissioned them for – as instruments of proclaiming the good news in Him and the gospel of the Kingdom world-wide. They were focused on the primary Kingdom purpose for which they were empowered.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —**Acts 1:8**

Free of the stifling weight of humanistic ambitions to accumulate the goods of this world, they sought first the Kingdom and its righteousness – in life and in death.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. —Matthew 6:33-34

In this frame of mind, nothing on earth – including martyrdom was a big deal because, as Paul captured in his classic,

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. —Philippians 1:21

Let us take note that the Lord is not asking saints to despise their jobs or businesses. He is rather asking us to put everything we do in the right context: they should not crowd the Holy Spirit and divine purposes out of our hearts or displace them as the primary reasons for which we are kept alive in the earth realm. If we put the Kingdom first, Holy Spirit will cause all other things to line up where they rightly belong.

The Role of Lively Conscience.

The second factor that made saints of the Alpha Church extraordinary vessels was the reality that Holy Spirit activated their consciences to a degree of Life and Light in which no kind of darkness lurked in the recesses of their souls. They were therefore transparent like babies, fulfilling the principle laid down by Yeshua:

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. —Matthew 18:1-3

This was why Holy Spirit used Peter to Judge Ananias and Sapphira promptly and swiftly: so that their evil would not corrupt the simplicity and transparency of saints.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. —Galatians 5:9

Transparency and Accountability need to return to the Church as a Kingdom lifestyle. The idea of saints covering their intentions and motives with smiles and sweet words and manifesting actions that are rebellious or ungodly but yet “unaware” or unrepentant is a sign of dwarfed or distorted consciences. When hearts of saints receive a fresh touch from the Holy Spirit it will cause all to tremble at the Word of Elohim, not despise same.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? 2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. —Isaiah 66:1-2

When saints live in awareness that the Holy Spirit is Omniscient, Omnipresent and omnipotent, the last vestige of religion – switching on

“holiness in public” and “switching off” in private will be discovered to be an act of folly which damages the conscience when it becomes a habit

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; — 1 Timothy 4:1-2

A fresh touch and living in awareness of His awesome capacity to know thoughts and intents of the heart will bring back a sense of holy awe and reverential fear.

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. — 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men. — Acts 24:16

Yes, the Omega Church shall walk in purity, within and without. This does not imply that saints may not stumble or miss it. It is just that with very lively consciences, there will be a heightened awareness of when a thought, word or deed is beneath their pay grade. To find it difficult to acknowledge missteps, sins of the heart, mind and actions is to walk in spiritual pride. Because our transformation is designed to be from glory to glory, the degree to which we reject every strand of darkness within our soul when they show up and embrace the dealings of the Holy Spirit without complaining will create the enabling environment for Him to accelerate action which produces the fullness of Yeshua, Jesus. With every ounce of strength, repentance will be made to Elohim and restitution offered to fellow saints and humans who are sinned against. There will be no excuses.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise—Psalms 51:16-17

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. —1 John 2:1-2

Who Will Go For The King?

The world does not know the Holy Spirit. Orthodox Christians and many Evangelical Christians recognize Him only in dogma but deny His Sovereignty and scope of His Present work. Pentecostals want His Power gifts but not His fruit. With minimal attention on Who He is and What he does, Holy Spirit has become either an unwanted guest or a convenient excuse for every conceivable error in the modern Church.

Ahead of His return, King Yeshua, Jesus is seeking vessels to commit the gigantic assignment of being used to rebuild the broken down Altar of truth in their communities, cities, counties and states. Restoring the centrality of the Word and reality of an ever present Holy Spirit will be committed to them to use to rally the remnant together. These are brothers and sisters who will have the kind of testimony Paul used to describe Timothy:

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. —Philippians 2:19-21

In conclusion, let us bear this truism in mind: of our own self, whatever we do is corrupt and limited. That is why it is best to allow Him to do whatever our King and Head Yeshua wants to be done – using our lives as vessels of expression of His nature, will and power. When we get it right in this frame, miracles will become common place because with ourselves out of the way, He takes over and gets the work done.

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. —Zechariah 4:6

If we are full of ourselves, there will be no room for Him to manifest. But if we empty ourselves of ourselves, there will be sufficient space for the Holy Spirit to show up and use our empty vessels to accomplish the divine purposes in everyday life; in ministry and in the Market Place. What a glorious proposition.

Assignment.

- 1. Please briefly describe the reality that Elohim wants to communicate with His saints.*
- 2. Briefly describe 7 ways the Holy Spirit speaks to the saints. 3. What are the*
- 3 benchmarks to confirm that He is the one behind any message?*

Lesson 23: The Basis of Fresh Infilling

Ignorance of Who Holy Spirit Is and the scope of what He does is a dangerous state to be in. In the same vein, half knowledge of the subject matter – as is evident in the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements – is equally toxic. How can we live, minister and go about general or specific Kingdom business with scant knowledge of He Who is our everything? How can the larger segment of the Church ignore Holy Spirit or give Him limited scope to do what He wants to do in, with and through the saints? This then is the grand secret of how the Church lost its savour and moved from victor to victim, trodden under foot of men just as Yeshua, Jesus taught?

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. —

Matthew 5:13

This is consistent with the prophecy of Hosea concerning the fruit of ignorance.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. —Hosea 4:6

The loud boastings of brothers and sisters who are nowhere near their potentials but who are busy comparing their limited successes with those of others and feeling satisfied thereby is truly stifling. When saints boast with achievements that are far below their ordained capacities, they display rank folly.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. —2 Corinthians 10:12

When the Holy Spirit is needed again

One of the points clearly established in this course is that the Alpha Church did not dwell on their initial experience of Him in the Upper Room on the Day of Shavuot (Pentecost). They experienced fresh infillings though He was resident in their hearts. The possible reason was that Holy Spirit was well aware that in the course of everyday life and ministry, occasions arose where the anointing in them was drained, individually and severally. Being mortals, there was a limit to their capacity to hold Divinity in full measure when facing the pressures of life in an alien environment and of being in the midst of wolves.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.¹⁷ But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; —Matthew 10:16-17

Basis Of Need For Fresh Infilling: Things Which May Occasion Need For A Fresh Infilling

1.Current vs. Historical experience. Those who were filled with Holy Spirit at some historical time in the past but have no vibrant current experience of His Presence and Power establish the basis for a fresh encounter with Him.

2.Struggling with praying in the Spirit. Those who in their private prayer lives or in congregational worship struggle with speaking in authentic tongues (not the rote that people utter from memory or out of practice) establish thereby, the basis of needing His fresh visitation.

3.Drained spiritual energy. The power of Holy Spirit at work in saints can be drained by a number of factors. These include being talkative; having carnal friends in the inner circle who constantly bombard the natural and spiritual senses with worldly concepts and suggestions.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. —1 Corinthians 2:14

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? —Amos 3:3

4. Being unequally yoked together with unbelievers. This is made worse where unbelievers lead the relationship (spouses, business partners) and are actually exerting more influence on the saint than vice versa. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. —Psalms 1:1-3

This does not mean saints should not have unbelieving friends and relatives. As long as we are in the world, we will interact with people who do not believe. They are the reason for our being alive in the earth realm. However, we must beware of a situation where they are very intimate to the point of subtly or overtly influencing our preferences. Yeshua, Jesus has already prayed the Father for our preservation. Let us relate with those outside the Commonwealth as our mission to reconcile them with the Father through how we live and what we share with them. Through genuine Kingdom living, holy Spirits can be instruments of communicating the saving grace in Yeshua, Jesus to their husbands as **1 Peter 3:1-6** says. Sisters in the faith are therefore not advised to divorce their husbands simply because they are unbelievers as Paul exhorted in **1 Corinthians 7:12-16**

5. Persecution. When saints face intense persecution, it can put pressure on the soul realm to feel abandoned or forsaken by Elohim and hence seek solutions that are carnal. This type of pressure drains the anointing.

6. Soulish living. This happens with super souls. A super soul is developed more than the spirit-man. Because of this, it is not subject to the spirit-man and Holy Spirit. This carnal state is more dangerous than any external enemy. One manifestation is flip flopping in assessment of people or situations. One day one is persuaded of people or the future only to be dissuaded the next day or week and discouraged. It leads such saints to make often costly mistakes which keep them further away from destiny.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. —Romans 8: 5-8

The best cure is to stop activities and dwell in the Word and prayers of consecration for the Flesh to be crucified and to be filled again with He Who Is the Comforter.

7. When facing complex challenges. This situation can drain off the anointing. A fresh refilling of Holy Spirit in the place of worship, prayer and casting all cares upon Elohim will be necessary.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. —1 Peter 5:7& 10

8. When facing multiple pressures from different angles. Our lives and ministries are best conducted when we enter into His rest so that Holy Spirit can do the work.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.¹⁰ For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:9-11

If we take on too many things or projects at the same time, the pressures may cause leakage of the anointing. This is not profitable.

9. When ambition creeps in which fill the heart with many carnal objectives. There is a world of difference between Vision and Ambition, though the vowels sound alike. Vision is Divine assignment from heaven and powered by Holy Spirit whereas Ambition is what Self wants to accomplish for itself. Ambition relies on arm of the flesh to succeed and does not mind who it pulls down on the way up.

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. —Jeremiah 17:5-6

10. When people around – including Christians – are unspiritual and tax your patience and the Grace released by the resident Holy Spirit. This is so concerning leaders who are surrounded by those who refuse to grow and demand undue attention

11. Jealousy and Envy. These are evil seeds because they respond negatively to good things Elohim is doing with, in and through other saints. Instead of rejoicing and appreciating Him, jealousy and envy basically resists Him at work in them. This opens a door for the anointing to be drained off.

12. Insecure, always seeking attention and self-projecting. This also applies to saints seeking titles and positions to validate them. Instead of just serving, trusting Holy Spirit to manifest through them, they want approval from humans at all costs. These are all signs of the flesh in ascendancy over the spirit-man which is not sufficiently basking in the fullness of indwelling of Holy Spirit.

13. When sins and sinning returns as a lifestyle. This often happens when saints are careless, compromise on truth and give room for little foxes to creep into their hearts. Unforgiving spirit does not become an issue one day but rather builds up. This is so also of many other ways in which saints can be drained of virtue and yet not recognize it.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles Walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. — Ephesians 4:17-32

14. Immorality and Sins of the flesh. This includes lusts in the heart, fornication and adultery, pornography, masturbation and various forms of uncleanness/sexual impurity. They drain the anointing, grieve Holy Spirit and even quench Him.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. —Matthew 5:27-30

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. —1 Corinthians 6:9-20

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: —

Colossians 3:1-6

15. When love of the world sets into the heart. This can be in any dimension including fashion, entertainment and other fancies having a strong pull on the heart. The drain is automatic because the spirit which rules the world is in contrast to Holy Spirit. Presence of love of the world causes a displacement (See ***1 John 2:15-17.***)

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. —James 4:1-6

16. When the balance of Liberty and Order is tipped either way. Those who want liberty without order will grieve Him as 1 Corinthians 14 reveals. Those who want Order with no liberty will quench Him as ***1 Thessalonians 5:19*** says. To avoid both outcomes, saints are enjoined to be spiritual and discern from Holy Spirit how to conduct themselves in the Household of faith.

17. When a saint fails to appreciate the organic nature of the Body and leadership as a collective to draw down grace. In this case comparison of leaders and preferences create a situation that they miss all of the aggregated anointing by going into sects and parties

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. —1 Corinthians 3:1-9

18. Unproductivity. Holy Spirit is not given as a decoration but a vibrant, vital instrument of productive Kingdom business.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. —John 15:16

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8

Anytime unproductivity sets in the clear solution is a fresh infilling which brings renewed zest.

19. If you are experience any of these issues, you need Him afresh:

- Shy in sharing the gospel
- Fearful and timid when you meet strangers
- There is no burden for the lost
- Even when you manage to share the gospel, there is no passion
- You have not been productive in reconciling the lost to The Father or empowering those that are saved.

20. **Sealed (Saved) but not Filled (Baptized in Holy Spirit).** Let us also remember that saints who are sealed with the root and basic gifts at Salvation and become part of the Body but have not yet been filled with Him to manifest the demonstrative dimensions of spiritual gifts (found in **1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 27-29; Ephesians 4:11**) need a second touch. One other evidence is that they have not spoken in tongues before. Beyond being filled with the Holy Spirit before, it is also needful to emulate Barnabass of which this testimony was given that he was full of the Holy Spirit. This suggests a present continuous level of yielding His vessel to the Holy Spirit to lead, just as it pleases Elohim. **Acts 11:24**

The end time revival has already started. Holy Spirit is at work, connecting the remnant first into companies that are not defined by denominations or geographical locations. The essence is to bring about such alignment that unleashes synergy which expresses the fullness of the Head of the Kingdom, Yeshua, Jesus. This reality has been presaged by saints of old

All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king—1

Chronicles 12:38

They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

—Joel 2:7-8

The Shofar has been sounded through this course. What will you make out of the sound? Will you remain where you were, thinking the way you used to think? Will you receive the ministry of the word which the King has released for your perfection? Let us be saints who understand the times, just like the sons of Issachar.

And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. —1 Chronicles 12:32

Assignment.

- 1. Please briefly summarize any 9 of the bases on which the saints need a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit.*
- 2. Briefly describe 3 insights you personally gained from this lesson.*

Lesson 24: The Holy Spirit and the Human Body

One major dimension of the work of Holy Spirit in the lives of saints which is often overlooked or not factored into many theological texts is the fact that He is also given to lead a yielded body into deeper dimensions of holy living. The reason why this aspect of His ministry is often overlooked is that in a bid to be seen as super spiritual, some saints often ignore the human body, focusing entirely on the spirit-man and the soul realm.

The human body is a wonder to behold. In real terms, nothing in all of creation validates the Truth that Elohim created the universe than the majesty and beauty of His handiwork in the human body. Doctors and indeed all scientists are always in awe at the intricate design that is the human body. Only an Intelligent Being could have designed and created humans, in clear refutation of the Darwinian evolutionary theory.

A fuller understanding of the physical body and its place in holy living can be found in the epic course “Understanding the Human nature” released to the Body of Yeshua, Jesus through the Global School of Ministry and the Global Advanced Mentorship Program some years ago. When David considered the intricacy of the human body, he gushed in awe:

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. —Psalm 139:14

That the Holy Spirit is received in and resides in the spirit-man of saints is a settled truth. But the question that arises is: where is the spirit-man of saints? The answer is simple: “it is located within the human body as part of the triune being which makes humans complete” In other words, what makes humans a class of beings, different from animals and other creation of Elohim is the reality that they have:

1. A spirit-man

2. A soul

3. A physical body which houses the spirit-man and the soul.

The physical body of Adam was personally moulded by Elohim on the sixth day of creation. The previous five days were invested in creating a unique eco-system and environment with capacity to sustain life in the earth realm. (This may explain why only the earth has been found with capacity to sustain life in the entire universe.) After moulding the physical body, Elohim released a measure of His Spirit into the lifeless creature. On impact of that measure of Holy Spirit upon the inert, dormant body, an instant transformation took place: man became a living soul or being. In other words, the quickening effect of Holy Spirit upon the body activates the soul as the realm of self-awareness and self-expression.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. —Genesis 2:7

The religious church has done humanity great damage by not teaching these foundational truths from the Book of Genesis, no wonder the carelessness with which both ministers and saints alike treat our physical bodies until something falls apart and the need for healing arises.

Instructions for caring for the Body in the Old Covenant.

Let us not forget for a moment that the Old Covenant was not designed for the purpose of creating a religious system. The original intent of Elohim was to have a special relationship with the seed of Abraham His friend. They were to be a kingdom of priests unto Him, separate from the Gentile nations of the earth.

And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. —Exodus 19:6

For this purpose, the Torah or Law that Elohim released to Israel was simply a guide to be holy unto him, separate from all other people groups on earth. The laws made for clean holy living which guaranteed wellness of the realms of the spirit, soul and Body. Just examine the 10 commandments in **Exodus 20:1-17** and see how they were instruments of holiness that are still valid till today. In the additional ceremonial laws which Elohim gave them, a great deal of the provisions covered issues of excellent health through consumption of what was fit for the body and avoiding “unclean foods” (unclean foods were animals, fish and sea food created as scavengers to clean up the eco-system. There were also instructions for personal hygiene, disposal of human waste and sundry provisions. The result was that Hebrews who ate kosher food were generally trim, healthy and lived long.

New Covenant perspectives of the Body.

In the New Covenant, the stature of the human body is greatly elevated into a spiritual entity. In this state, carnality is no longer a given because the physical body is appropriated by heaven for use in ways that are substantially more significant than in the Old Covenant. The reasons are that the Body has elevated use as:

1. Temple of Holy Spirit

In the New Covenant, the body of the redeemed is as precious as his spirit and soul. If saints walk in the light of truth, they will nourish their bodies, keep it wholesome and fit as residence of the Holy Spirit.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. —1 Corinthians 3:16-17

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? —1 Corinthians 6:19

One of the errors the Alpha Church encountered in that generation was the error of those who claimed that the Body had no value and whatever you do with it does not count since, according to them it was only the spirit and soul that were saved. This gave rise to misuse of the body. Elohim cares for and desires to sanctify our bodies as well as the inner man.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Thessalonians 5:23

2. Residence of the inner being (spirit and soul).

Apart from housing the Holy Spirit, the Body is also house of the spirit-man and soul. In its present form, the Body is subject to expiration when the spirit and soul depart. That separation is what is called death.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. —2 Corinthians 5:1

Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. —2 Peter 1:14

Holy Spirit and Holistic taking care of the Body:

The Temple should remain holy and must not be defiled. This is why saints are enjoined to allow Holy Spirit to lead, not just the spirit-man and transform the soul from inside out but to also take all steps to ensure that their physical bodies are under His influence alone, remaining undefiled. If He leads, He will cause saints to 'know' and understand potential sources of temptation before they happen so that they do not fall into trap of Satan. Holy Spirit leads our spirit-man through the conscience to lead our souls and bodies. If we cooperate with Him, initial struggles will give way to a sensitivity of what is the will of our Father for us to do with our bodies. We have a duty to take care of our bodies by leading of Holy Spirit and by application of the wisdom He gives.

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: —Ephesians 5:29

Concerning what to eat

Because Holy Spirit is ordained to live inside the body of saints, there was no need to write extensive tomes of what to eat and what to avoid and how to care for the Body in the New Testament. Because the New Covenant is a spiritual one, saints are encouraged to learn from the Teacher within; Inquire of Him in all things, including what is convenient for their wellbeing or not and be sensitive to His voice. That is why the conscience of the saint was activated: to discern what is pleasing or displeasing to Elohim. Holy Spirit guides us through our consciences.

The principle of conscience is paramount in considering whether to eat particular types of food or not. If we recognize the makeup of our peculiar bodies and discern by the Holy Spirit what is convenient from what is inconvenient, we can take decisions that keep the conscience alive. For instance, because of certain issues related to family DNA and reaction to certain types of food, a brother may not need sugar or fat whereas it may be excellent for another. Some people have allergies to certain kinds of food. What is perfectly healthy for a saint, may destabilize the system of another. The Holy Spirit enables us to make such wise decisions.

That is why saints are not to judge one another by what they eat. We are rather to walk in charity with each other. What should guide our decisions in what we eat or not is the effect of our decisions on the brothers and sisters we are in covenant relationship with. If we eat what they are absolutely horrified with, we fail the law of charity. For instance, if a brother has as pet, a dog he loves so much, there is no love if we insist on loving and eating dog meat even in their presence.

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. —Romans 14:12-23

2. Concerning what to drink

Those who are truly born again are enjoined to be careful about the choices they make concerning drink. The general rule is that whatever is addictive is not healthy for saints. Secondly, whatever destroys any organ such as the liver is certainly unhealthy. Whatever is taken and has the net effect of reducing lifespan cannot glorify the Lord. More importantly, saints need to make a choice concerning what influence they choose to be under: is it permanent intoxication of Holy Spirit or alcohol?

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

Some who argue about consuming alcohol do so under the false assumption that Yeshua, Jesus drank same at Cana. What Yeshua drank all through His life in the earth realm was the pure, unfermented fruit of the vine. He looks forward to drink it again when He will rule the earth realm

*And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. — **Matthew 26:27-29***

To be ashamed or fearful of offending visitors who expect alcohol is to forget the words of **Matthew 10:31-39**. For those who do not drink but give freely to visitors, may Holy Spirit interpret this scripture and bring repentance.

*Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! — **Habakkuk 2:15***

3. Concerning use of the Body: sexual sins are absolutely forbidden

In terms of grossness of sin, here is how grievous sexual immorality is rated as a basket of various wrong usage to which the reproductive organs are put to use outside legitimate institution of Holy marriage.

*Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. —1 **Corinthians 6:18-20***

In all scriptural passages, sexual impurity is absolutely forbidden. The reason is that it is a wilful sin involving deliberate steps in the mind, emotion and will which end up as sinful outcomes in the body.

Dangers of Immorality: Eternal Damnation

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. —1 Corinthians 6:9-17

Solution: Mortify The Body By Holy Spirit, Not Mere Self effort Or Religious, External Shows.

The Body will line up to holy living when mortified by the Holy Spirit and application of personal discipline. When the heart and soul willingly agree with the Holy Spirit that the body needs to be preserved pure, He supplies strength for the experience to be a reality.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. —

Romans 8:12-13

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. — **Colossians 3:5-7**

Furthermore, then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. — **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

Saints are to Flee from Lusts and avoid the ways of Babylon.

Immorality does not just happen in a moment. It is always outcome of a negative process. The process starts with a seed of lust which Satan shoots as a fiery dart into the mind or emotions. If it is cultured through inappropriate relationship or exchange of words, it can progress to a soul tie and eventual defilement. That is why saints are encouraged to avoid worldly practices which are good breeding grounds for immorality. These include:

a. Worldly entertainment and amusements which loosen the soul and body making room for sin to manifest. These include worldly movies, pornographically themed TV programs and different activities which activate the flesh.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. —2 Timothy 2:4

b. Unhealthy soul ties arising from carnal relationships with brothers and sisters for socialization which are not teams put in place by Holy Spirit for specific Kingdom assignments should be avoided. Putting fire in the bosom always leads to crises.

c. Dating. Young men and women are not supposed to engage in dating because of the extreme tendencies for the flesh to be activated. If people get soul tied while dating, it will hinder their ability to hear what Holy Spirit is saying about marriage or not. Rather, young saints are encouraged to pray through to know the will of Elohim concerning who to marry. Once Holy Spirit speaks and they confirm with the Kingdom benchmark in **Romans 14:17-18**, they should approach their parents and Pastors. Once such permissions are received, they can proceed to court. This is a time when they meet to pray together, discuss sincerely about their past, present and future and sound out the spirit and soul of each other.

A period of 6 – 12 months is ideal for them to break down the barriers of “stranger” and receive further assurance to proceed to wed. The courtship should be conducted in plain view (homes of mature or married saints or in public places) to avoid youthful lusts. This way, they will not give occasion for weak brethren to accuse them of immorality when none has taken place and to protect their parents and pastors from reproach by those who would give Satan room to accuse them wrongfully.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. —2 Timothy 2:19-22

In the Kingdom, the proposal to marry does not give intending couples any license to engage in sexual immorality. The marriage bed should be holy and undefiled so that the blessings of Yahweh can be upon the union. The time has come for single brothers and sisters to covenant their physical bodies and souls to King Yeshua asking to be kept until they tie the nuptial cords.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. —Hebrews 13:4

Those who teach that holiness of the body cannot be attained speak from a humanistic perspective. The Holy Spirit is our strength but does not impose Himself on the saint. He wants our willing cooperation in rejection of evil and proclivity towards holy living. That willing cooperation is called discipline. That kind of discipline is forged by intimacy with the Lord in loving Him, prayer and study of the word which builds up our spiritual muscles.

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. —1 Corinthians 9:27

Satan will always tempt and seduce. By the Grace of our King, we have the capacity, under influence of the Holy Spirit to overcome and not succumb. The old cliché "Satan made me do it" is a weak excuse.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. —James 1:12-16

True discipline comes about by emulating Yeshua, Jesus to love righteousness and hate iniquity

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. —Hebrews 1:9

An unchanging principle of victory for saints regarding what to eat or drink or do with the body is this expression of Paul:

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.¹³ Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 1 Corinthians 6:12-13

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.²⁴ Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth. 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

Rest for the Body

The physical Body needs to be maintained. Wise usage leads a saint to know by the Spirit how much hours of sleep is needed to make the body and brain (where the mind operates) experience rest and restoration. This is bespoke, according to how our bodies are wired. Those who are athletes and those who serve in the military have trained their physical bodies to the degree of great flexibility and mental alertness. In the Kingdom, there will be saints who can go the extra mile with limited sleep or rest. They should not judge those who are heavy lifters when it comes to resting their bodies. Those who sleep long should not judge those whose bodies have been trained by Holy Spirit to do great exploits even with limited sleep. Whatever is your situation, the Holy Spirit has many ways of flashing warning signs of when rest is needed. He should not be ignored lest saints break down.

When necessary, saints generally and ministers in particular should take vacations where the spirit, soul and body can just find sufficient rest and holy recreation. Vacations and breaks do not have to be expensive. Even getting out to a neighbouring but unexplored city may be sufficient as a vacation. On another note, ministers connected with networks like International Ministers Fellowship can utilize the annual Open Gates Conference in London as well as the two Conferences of IMF-USA in Summer or the anniversary weekend of the Global School of Ministry in London each August to get needed rest for their bodies and refreshment for their spirits and souls. Ultimately, proper care of the temple will make saints strong enough to fulfil the years appointed in the earth realm, achieving all they are ordained to do.

Assignment.

1. Please discuss which aspect of this lesson ministered to you

2. What are the ways of Babylon that saints must avoid because they can lead saints into sin?

Lesson 25: The Ultimate Assignment of the Holy Spirit.

In real terms, the ultimate assignment of the Holy Spirit is to reproduce Yeshua, Jesus, the Ultimate Son on planet earth. He Who planted

Yeshua in the womb (**Luke 1:35**); empowered Him at the Baptism of John with the capacity to serve according to the mind of the Father, proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom (**Matthew 3:16**, **Acts 10:38**) and raised Him from the dead (**Romans 8:11**) has a mandate from heaven to fill the earth realm with many more sons of Elohim. These are saints who live like Yeshua, doing what He did or even greater works, just as He promised. (**See John 14:24**.)

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.¹Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. —Hebrews 2:9-15

Let it be emphasized until we all get it: Yeshua did not come to found Christian Religion as other founders of religion did. He did not come to compete with Satan concerning who will have the greatest number of followers as Christian leaders sometimes suggest, unconsciously.

He came for a more profound purpose: that through the Life He laid down, the price would be paid for the sin of Adam which separated humanity from Yahweh. By removing the barrier, He paved the way for their reconciliation with Yahweh. In effect, the unique life of the Ultimate Son was poured out so that through it, Holy Spirit will re-populate the earth realm with as many sons as will embrace the divine opportunity to be instruments of enlarging the sphere of the Kingdom. All that Yeshua accomplished by Holy Spirit at work in Him was for the purpose of bringing divinity into humans: that they be and function as sons of Elohim.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. —John 3:16-17

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:12-13

That people have believed in their heart and confessed with their lips the Lordship of Yeshua, Jesus is not an end in itself but the beginning of a process that should lead to this end which is to be and function as sons of Elohim in the earth realm. Yeshua demonstrated the process-based approach with the men and women Yahweh gave Him. Within three and half years, they became first believers who followed without question (See **Matthew 4:18-22**) until they were processed to a place of deeper intimacy to become His friends (See **John 15:14, 15**.) When He paid the supreme price and resurrected, He proclaimed their transition to be sons of Yahweh, just like Him as the ultimate outcome of His incarnation.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. —John 20:17

Holy Spirit Is the One single facilitator of the entire process through yielded vessels.

- He superintends the process of the new birth experience by convicting humans of sin, righteousness and judgment leading to repentance. He reveals the Blood shed by Yeshua as price paid for their sins. He inspires Faith in those who are illuminated to receive the Grace offered freely. He gives assurance of transition from sinner to saint of those who believe in their heart and confess with their lips that Yeshua is Lord. Without the Holy Spirit at work, all preaching no matter how eloquent will only produce religious folks gathered to learn public, outward behaviour while remaining unchanged within the spirit-man and soul. He alone makes possible the relationship of the recovered prodigal with a loving Father, providing assurance that the past is permanently blotted out. (**Romans 8:16**)

- He leads the saint to grow in grace with illumination of Holy Scriptures to release life and light and enabling them to pray according to will of the Father.

- Above all, His directs growth of saints to the degree that they are not codependent on their human leaders and Pastors to walk in the Light but rather grow to know the mind of their heavenly Father and do His will like Yeshua did.

For Sonship To Be Real, Holy Spirit It Is Who:

- a. Leads saints to know and live according to the will of their heavenly Father in all things

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: —
Romans 8:14-16

- b. Enables saints to identify how weak the flesh is and therefore mortify it in all dimensions.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. —
Romans 8:12-13

It is this mortification which enables saints to live truly holy lives. Because mortification is also a never-ending process, whenever we are awakened to any dimension of life which requires further dealing, we do not argue, resent or resist Him but allow a fresh dimension of death of flesh to take place (**Hebrews 12:4-12**). Paul demonstrated this principle of both an instantaneous as well as progressive sanctification.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. —Galatians 2:20

He did not rest on his oars but was constantly open to further dealings of Holy Spirit either by what he experienced through Brethren or circumstances of life.

I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. —1Corinthians 15:31

c. Empowers saints to live lives that are clearly out of this world, focused primarily on the Kingdom to come and investing all that the Father blessed them with –including life, time, resources, etc. – to preach the gospel. As they do so, signs and wonders follow them, and all their needs are provided for by their Father who owns all things. We are stewards, not owners of assets.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. —Mark 16:15-20

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. —Matthew 6:33-34

It is significant that the Seal, Transform, Unite and Demonstrate dimensions of the Holy Spirit in saints was modelled in Yeshua, Jesus first. By the Incarnation, Holy Spirit sealed Yeshua. He also united Him organically with Yahweh to the degree that though on earth, there was no division between Him and the Father in heaven (*John 10:30*). The Body that was prepared for Yeshua experienced transformational growth as Luke 2:52 explains. His being filled by the Holy Spirit without measure described in *John 3:34* was what enabled Yeshua to demonstrate the Kingdom in power (See *Luke 11:20*.)

Every activity which does not flow into this end is religion in one form or the other.

1. To shut out Holy Spirit and make Him the object of theological treatises as Rome did from the day the State displaced Yeshua to re-marry the wing of the Church which quenched Him is Christian Religion.
2. To shut down Holy Spirit as Christian Orthodoxy of the Protestant variety has done giving councils of men the right to determine how much space He can have is religion gone burst.
3. To grieve Him by raw display of Flesh as Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement have done is also Christian religion gone bust.
4. To make Him displace humankind (*Genesis 2:15; Psalms 115:16*) and persistently call Him governor of the earth realm as the pseudo-kingdom gospel did is to reduce Him to the inheritance of humanity.
5. When those who ought to be the remnant are busy using Him to acquire fame and misusing His gifts to breed followers or fans rather than partner with Him to turn believers into disciples of Yeshua, Jesus and sons of Elohim the effect is just plain old religion.

Benchmarks of Holy Spirit-led Ministry

When push comes to shove, ministry done in His Name or by His Power will be determined by a number of benchmarks:

1. The ministers on duty walk a separate walk from the worldly system of which religion is about rituals without heart and are personally pressing into deeper dimensions of sonship, perfecting Holiness in the fear of Elohim, conscious of the cost of the Blood with which they were redeemed and the ever present Indwelling Holy Spirit.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. —2 Corinthians 7:1

2. **The ministers are totally consumed with one single passion:** that saints given to their charge are presented faultless before Yeshua at His coming or if they die before then, they will partake of the first resurrection

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, —Galatians 4:19

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. —Revelation 20:6

The Key To Achieve The Above: Give Holy Spirit Right Of Way To Use Their Vessels To Execute Same

No minister can produce sons of Elohim in the midst of this wicked and adulterous generation by human ability. But it is not about our strength but His Own. Sons don't do religion. They live by the Holy Spirit, relating with a real, loving Father and bring Him great glory. It is Holy Spirit who leads them all the way from Salvation till death.

Ministries who yearn to honour Holy Spirit should do so in practice, not mere words. A few things about them need to be re-emphasized before we close. They give Holy Spirit right of way to cause the Church to walk in light.

- That is why Holy Spirit inspired the Word so that no one is in any doubt about the divine standards of the Kingdom gospel in the earth realm. Whoever will be in ministry and yet have disdain or disregard for the full context of Divine Purpose or cherry pick scriptures that pump up people without transforming their lives is playing with Holy Fire. The Master Plan for the Kingdom Church is articulated in ***Ephesians 4:1 – 16*** with Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers working together to release ministry synergy whose outcome is organic Kingdom communities which are spiritually aligned with others that combine to be one single Church, the Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm. In this paradigm, there is no room for personal empires neither is any leader permitted to turn saints into fans who come as spectators to watch so called display of power.

- Each ministry is consumed with the passion to put in place processes which will cause all saints to walk in their unique identity in Yeshua as sons of Elohim, taking responsibility to ensure that will of Yahweh is done within domains assigned to them. Since the natural is ruled by the spiritual, sons of Elohim impact their communities as Salt and Light of the Kingdom. This is a dress rehearsal of their roles in the millennial reign as Priests and Kings across the earth realm, reporting to the King of Kings, Yeshua, Jesus seated on the Throne in Jerusalem His global Capital. ***Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 20:6.***

The Holy Spirit has revealed therefore that each ministry should be consumed with achieving six major processes with humans.

1. Preach passionately with unction so that sinners are saved to become part of the Body
2. Teach saints the whole counsel of Elohim so that their minds are renewed to become disciples who are sold out to Yeshua as their Lord
3. Train the disciples to become the Royal Priesthood of ministers of the New Covenant
4. Equip individual saints with spiritual truth and skills to understand and walk in their Kingdom identities and thus have a healthy esteem of who they are and their worth as productive parts of the functional Body.
5. Activate the spiritual gifts and callings that are in their spirit-man. Many saints live and die unfulfilled without their gifts activated in full measure.
6. Release them into ministry by ordination or commissioning. Ordination is not a license to independent lone ranging neither is it a call to go and be 'founder' of a ministry. It is rather primarily a call to find and take one's place in the Body at the level of service the Holy Spirit ordains. In the case of those who He will use to start a new work, such will be made clear backed by grace to fulfil the same as a response to the call, not expression of ambition.

In addition to these things, all saints individually and collectively in any given environment are to be open to Holy Spirit to use them to impact their communities in practical ways of service. He will reveal what is needful if ministries and saints have real burden, intercede and wage spiritual warfare on behalf of their communities.

In all these, let us not forget that the Holy Spirit remains on standby, like a perfect gentleman, seeking access to where it matters most: the Heart and Mind, will and emotion to do a thorough, yet never-ending work, whose result is a vessel fit for His use, walking a new walk in the earth realm.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. —Revelation 22:7-17

As such saints and ministries press on into the fullness of Yeshua, they embrace with joy dealings of the Holy Spirit which reveal areas of life and ministry which need a fresh touch of the perfection. There is no room for smugness. There is no room for complacency or offence concerning what it pleases Him to reveal to us. As long as we are on this side of eternity, our attitude to dealings of Holy Spirit should be: "bring it on, Lord" His Light causes us to grow from glory to glory.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. —2 Corinthians 3:18

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. —1 Corinthians 13:9-12

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarise three things you understand of the work of Holy Spirit in birthing and empowering and directing the sons of Elohim with at least 3 supporting scriptures.
2. Briefly provide any additional insights you personally gained from this lesson.

Lesson 26: FAQs

What are the 7 Spirits of God?

The number Seven speaks of perfection. The imagery is to present the fullness of the holistic nature of what the Holy Spirit would do in the life of Yeshua and the multitude of adopted sons of Elohim who are the new creation.

*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:² And the **spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;**³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: **Isaiah 11:1-3***

The phrase 7 Spirits of God does not speak of 7 different Spirits but rather the holistic attributes of the same Holy Spirit and what His presence meant to Yeshua as the Only Begotten son of the Father. It reflects the plan of Elohim for His adopted sons to have a holistic encounter with the Holy Spirit which can be seen, felt and imparted as virtue or the manifest presence of the Lord in their lives.

*And unto the angel **of** the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the **seven Spirits of God**, and the **seven** stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. **Revelation 3:1***

*And out **of** the throne proceeded lightnings and thundering's and voices: and there were **seven** lamps **of** fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**. **Revelation 4:5***

*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst **of** the throne and **of** the four beasts, and in the midst **of** the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having **seven** horns and **seven** eyes, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth. **Revelation 5:6***

To be truly anointed, the holistic nature of the operation of the Holy Spirit will preserve the individual from fleshly tendencies, humanistic reasoning and behaviour which falls short of the glory of Elohim. For instance if an anointed vessel allows the soul and body to be caught up in such sins as lust, immorality, love of the world, covetousness, seeking fame and popularity, those who see these manifestations are bound to wonder why the mixed message is conveyed concerning evidence of the spirit of the age (which is of Satan) operating simultaneously with the Spirit of power.

Is being Slain in the Spirit Biblical?

In a sense, there are few instances of this practice in the bible. The idea is that when a higher authority shows up, one with less than the measure of grace and anointing can lose balance and be momentarily unconscious. However, it is important not to hawk this in such a way to suggest that if people are slain in the Spirit, they receive something more than others who are on their feet.

*⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?⁵ They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.⁶ As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. **John 18:4-6***

*And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,² And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.³ And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **Acts 9:1-5***

Is Uncontrollable laughter a reliable sign of the anointing?

We really cannot say. If people claim this is manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the next thing is to assess their lives by the fruit of the Spirit in **Galatians 5:22-23**.

What is the ultimate strategy of the Holy Spirit in the Church today?

To ensure that the walk of saints with Elohim in terms of intimate relationship which seeks to please the Lord in all things should precede to work for Him

What is the ultimate definition of success in ministry?

To please Him and do His will in all things is the ultimate benchmark of spiritual success. This can only happen when we die to self and are fully yielded to the Holy Spirit Who has been given to direct the lives of sons of Elohim

Do not seek to please humans to the extent that it stresses, and cause burn out.

*So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Romans 8:8-9***

Let us receive what Holy Spirit has been saying, through various angles, in these 26 Lessons. Let us not ignore He Who is our life.

Assignment.

1. Please briefly summarise what you learnt from this lesson of today.

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