

LET GOD ARISE!

Like a Master Builder Prayer Guide #5

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Dwelling of the Spirit Ephesians 2.19-22

There's a New Wind Blowing

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There's a New Wind blowing through our body,
Gentle breezes of the Holy Spirit,
We feel His pow'r, we feel His love,
Bringing vision, blessing, and joy!
There's a strong wind blowing through our hearts now,
A new rushing, coming from the Father,
Please, blow upon us, Holy Spirit of God,
You're the New Wind that is blowing in this place!

There's a River running through Mount Zion,
Mighty rapids of the Lord's compassion,
We feel His strength, we know His peace,
Bringing cleansing, justice, and grace!
There's a river flowing deep within us,
A refreshing given by our Savior,
Please, flow within us, Holy Spirit of God,
You're the River that is flowing in this place!

There's a New Fire burning in our spirits,
Blazing flames burn leading us to serve God,
We feel His warmth, we sense His light,
Bringing boldness, healing, and truth!
There's a burning causing all to ponder,
A rekindling fueled by the Spirit,
Please, burn in our hearts, Holy Spirit of God,
You're the New Fire that is burning in this place!

There's a Fresh Oil streaming down His people,
Sweet aroma of the Lord, the Spirit,
We feel His heart, we trust His will,
Bringing mercy, goodness, and life!
There's a sweet oil pouring from the Lord's hand,
An anointing flowing down from heaven,
Please, fall down on us, Holy Spirit of God,
You're the Fresh Oil that is streaming in this place!

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The Holy Spirit among the People of God

Names of the Holy Spirit as Designated in Scripture

Matt. 3.16 - And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.

Luke 4.18 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

John 14.17 - Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Acts 5.9 - But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”

Phil. 1.19 - For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.

The Divinity and Glory of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity

Matt. 3.16-17 - And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matt. 12.31-32 - Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. [32] And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven,



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but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Matt. 28.19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 3.5-6 - Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

John 14.16-17 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 15.26 - But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

John 16.13-14 - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14] He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Examples and Exhortations to Follow the Working of the Holy Spirit

Acts 13.2 - While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

1 Cor. 2.10 - These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.



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1 Cor. 12.11 - All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Eph. 4.30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

John 16.7-13 - Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; [10] concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; [11] concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [12] I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

1 Thess. 5.19 - Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Pet. 1.2 - according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

The Spirit in Creation, Inspiration, Incarnation, and Endowment

Ps. 104.30 - When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

Ps. 139.7 - Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?



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Luke 1.35 - And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God.”

Acts 5.3-4 - But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? [4] While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Acts 28.25-27 - And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: [26] ‘Go to this people, and say, You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. [27] For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’”

2 Cor. 3.17-18 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Cor. 13.14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Heb. 9.14 - How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



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Rom. 8.11 - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Rom. 9.1 - I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 2.10-11 - These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. [11] For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1 Cor. 12.9-11 - To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Cor. 12.13 - For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph. 2.17-18 - And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Heb. 3.7-11 - Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, [8] do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, [9] where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works [10] for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ [11] As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”



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The Holy Spirit Ministers Powerfully in the Believer and the Church

John 14.17 - Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Rom. 8.9-14 - You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. [12] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

1 Cor. 6.19-20 - Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Cor. 12.13 - For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph. 5.18 - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

Gal. 5.16-25 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19] Now the works of



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the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

The Church as the Dwelling Place of God by His Spirit

Eph. 2.14-22 - For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. ■

The Dwelling Place for God by the Spirit

“To fully comprehend the meaning of Jesus Christ as Cornerstone, we must open ourselves up to the inspired imagery of the Temple, and the Church as the dwelling place for God by his Spirit.”

On the one hand, this does not seem to be a difficult issue or concept to understand. To be sure, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,



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has been given to each believer in Christ (John 14.17; 7.37-39). Christ ascended into the heavens, to the right hand of God, but he did not leave us as orphans—alone, motherless, helpless, vulnerable. Rather, at Pentecost he and his Father sent the Holy Spirit into the world, a promise which is given to all whom the Lord our God will call, and to all who repent and believe in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2.38-39). Truly, God has granted to every believer the Comforter and Paraclete (“the One called alongside to help”), the Holy Spirit who indwells us, leads us, and guides us into the truth of God.

Yet, in spite of these transparent truths given in the New Testament, there appears to be much confusion about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Many associate his ministry with exotic or esoteric kinds of manifestations, accompanied (in the minds of such claimants) with extraordinary expressions of emotion, powers, and experiences. The charismatic and Pentecostal traditions, rich in their reflection and theologizing on the role and ministry of the Holy Spirit, represent a broad array of opinion regarding the scope, elements, and conditions of the Spirit’s involvement in believers’ lives and the church. Because of obvious excesses and the feeling of an anti-intellectual/anti-rational approach to the faith, many evangelicals wrongly and sadly dismiss all spiritual manifestation as extremism and faddism, to their hurt.

The Presence of the Spirit as the Dominant Sign of the Age to Come

Without equivocation, every Christian must admit that the distinctive feature and most compelling evidence for the Kingdom present today in the Church of Jesus Christ is the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. In the present age, with our Lord having defeated the powers of evil and sin on the Cross, validated by his resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit is here among us. In his wisdom, grace, and comfort, the very benefits and graces of our Lord have become accessible to all who believe. He now indwells those who trust in Christ for salvation, and, if they will yield to his prompting and



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leading through the Word, conscience, and others, he will conform them to the image of Christ, empower them for ministry, and enrich them through the Spirit-inspired Word. It is clear that the Holy Spirit indwells each individual believer (cf. John 14.17; Rom. 5.5; 8.9; 1 Cor. 2.12; Eph. 1.13; 1 John 3.24; 4.13), and now, apart from the works of the law or futile efforts of religious enthusiasm, the Spirit empowers them to live a life that glorifies God and bears much fruit.

In Ephesians 2 Paul discusses the ways in which Christ's shed blood has demolished the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile (and by implication then, Gentile and Gentile) to end hostility, and grant all humankind access to the Father through Christ in one Spirit:

Eph. 2:17-19 - And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

In this remarkable text, Paul declares that all who believe have access and approach to the Father through Christ by his Spirit, because of the blood Jesus shed on the cross. We are now then, as Gentiles, no longer "strangers and aliens" but through the grace of God have become "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." At the core of our prayer for and ministry to the lost is this great theological invitation. Now through the Gospels, every lost, estranged people group and the hundreds of millions they represent are invited to a new, fresh relationship with God as members of his family and living stones in his temple.

The Holy Spirit's Agency Forms the Church, Where God Dwells

If this wonderful truth were not enough, in and of itself, to create awe and reverence in us, Paul further states that we as individual believers are being



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built up together to form a new Temple where God himself dwells and is worshiped:

Eph. 2.20-22 - built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Here Paul describes the people of God, this multinational, multicultural, trans-historical communion of believers in Christ, as a single great building, a holy temple where the true God dwells. In this imagery, derived from the Old Testament description of the Temple, Paul writes of the apostles and prophets as its *foundation*, the Lord Jesus Christ himself being its *cornerstone*, and the whole structure (apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, and the saints, whether Jews or Gentiles, joined together to form the *dwelling place* of God by the working of the Holy Spirit.

Notice the care, skill, beauty, and grandeur of this imagery. Not a haphazard, thrown-together structure, but a carefully designed, beautiful structure which rises through the Spirit's working to become a holy temple in the Lord. The Church of God is a living, growing reality, whose ultimate function and purpose is to serve as the dwelling place of God himself. In the Old Testament, the Temple's highest aim was to be the meeting place, the dwelling place of God, with his glory and presence filling and enriching all of the Temple's observances, sacrifices, and festivals. In this place, in this age, through the Holy Spirit, a new Temple is being constructed, not from inert stuff and earthen materials but from men and women, boys and girls, who have repented and trusted in Christ as Lord and Savior. Together, we all (from every place, era, and culture) compose a new place for God to dwell.



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For those of us who love the cities of the world to embrace this rich imagery is to transform our thinking of revival, ministry, and world evangelism from a mechanical, technical, model-dominated effort to a Spirit-dominated and controlled reality, whose goal is not head-hunting individuals but creating a new entity, a new resting place, a new temple where the apostles and prophets form the foundation, Christ serves as its Cornerstone, and believers make up with them a new structure where God dwells by the Spirit's working.

What we seek, what we desire, therefore, in our praying for the lost in the cities of America and the world is a new manifestation of the Holy Spirit in such a manner that God's very own presence can be seen and felt in the midst of the dark metropolis of the world. Those who are currently outside of God's family and household, are now being invited, while time lasts, to become a part of God's "new man," a single communion of believers regardless of their culture or background, to be ingrafted in the Temple of God. Truly, only the Holy Spirit can accomplish such a task. It is our privilege to go into the world and declare God's invitation with boldness and joy, and demonstrate in our lives the very life of the Age to Come in the right-here-and-right-now. Only the power of the Spirit can make this real, and only prayer avails over the forces holding people in darkness today.

In Both Resurrection and Transformation, the Holy Spirit Works

Through this important season of the Church Year (Holy Week and Eastertide) let us affirm the truth that Christ's shed blood has opened the door for members of the human family, from whatever cultural identity, to gain approach into the presence of God. Only in the illuminating, regenerating, and sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit can we ourselves be joined to God's family, and therefore, perhaps most powerfully by prayer can we prepare the hearts of the lost to hear of God's Good News in Christ.



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Jesus of Nazareth alone, through his vicarious and conquering work on the Cross, can redeem the inhabitants of our lost cities to the Kingdom, and only the Holy Spirit can open up their minds to hear and understand God's offer of eternal life in his Son. Our prayers for God's people and the lost are effective and necessary. Apart from the Spirit's filling and power, we cannot minister effectively to the lost. Without his illumination and aid, the lost will never understand our Gospel. For both preacher and audience, only the Spirit can suffice: *Zech. 4.6 - Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."*

This month, during these high holy-days of our Church Year remembrance, let us humbly plead for the Spirit's power, who alone can make real to us and to our neighbors Christ's victory over the ancient foes of humankind and the universe, who soon will consummate God's peace in this fallen world. ■

**Holy Week and Eastertide:
God's Dwelling Place Formed by His Holy Spirit**

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Biblical Principle of the Month

During this season of Holy Week, Easter, and Eastertide, let us embrace the gift of God in the Holy Spirit, given to us because of the wondrous victory of the risen Lord and Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth on the Cross. Let us declare with our whole heart that through the Gospel God has opened the door for all members of the human family, regardless of color, culture, or kindred, to gain



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direct access and approach into the presence of God by the working of the Holy Spirit. Only as the Holy Spirit illuminates, regenerates, seals, and empowers his people can the Gospel be heard and believed, and others be joined to God's family. Blessed and strengthened through his inner working, let us beg God for a fresh, new move of the Spirit on his people and in the cities of the world. Only by the Spirit will the remaining work be accomplished.

Acts 1.8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Luke 24.46-49 - And said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

An Example of Being Transformed by the Holy Spirit: The Early Church

Acts 2.1-4 - When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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