



# Faith in Action

God's Empowering Presence

## The Spirit and the New Covenant

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ezekiel 36:26** "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.  
➤ *God's sanctifying presence*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 59:21** "And as for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."  
➤ *God's empowering presence*

## Spiritual (Grace) Gifts

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit ... <sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 12:6** And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

## Day of the Lord

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joel 2:27** "Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the LORD your God And there is no other; And My people will never be put to shame.  
➤ *First advent*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joel 2:28** "And it will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.  
➤ *Church age*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joel 2:30** "And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire, and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> "The sun will be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.  
➤ *Second advent*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joel 2:32** "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

## Spirit Inspired Communications

A. after this That I will pour out My Spirit

B. on all mankind

C. your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men  
will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions

B'. on the male and female servants

A'. I will pour out My Spirit in those days

1. Spirit inspired communication with God.  
➤ *dreams and visions*
2. Spirit inspired communication from God.  
➤ *prophesy*

## The Beginning of the Fulfilment

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language ... <sup>14</sup> But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words ... <sup>16</sup> ... this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: [Joel 2:28-32]

## Spirit Inspired Communications

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. <sup>3</sup> But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. <sup>4</sup> One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.

1. Spirit inspired communication with God.
  - *tongues*
2. Spirit inspired communication from God.
  - *prophesy*

## The Greatest Spiritual Gift

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 13:1** If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup> does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

## Be Zealous for Spiritual Gifts

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy ... <sup>5</sup> Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy ...
  - Seek these gifts in faith;
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Luke 11:13** "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"
  - But keep in mind;
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 12:11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

## Communication *with* God

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 14:2** For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries ... <sup>4</sup> One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself ... <sup>13</sup> Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What is the outcome then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also; I shall sing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also ...<sup>18</sup> I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

➤ *Spirit empowered prayer and praise*

## Spirit Empowered Prayer

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 8:26** And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Ephesians 6:18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Jude 1:20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith; praying in the Holy Spirit;

## Spirit Empowered Praise

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:23** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup>"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Philippians 3:3** For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 12:3** Therefore I make known to you, that ... no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

# Conclusion

## God's Empowering Presence

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joel 2:28** "And it will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

## Empowered to Participate

- NAS **1 Corinthians 14:26** What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. <sup>27</sup> If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and let one interpret; <sup>28</sup> but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup> And let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. <sup>30</sup> But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, let the first keep silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; <sup>32</sup> and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; <sup>33</sup> for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

## Pursue Love and Empowerment

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy ... <sup>5</sup> Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 5:18** ... be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;