

The Promise of the Spirit

Joel 2:28-32; Isaiah 30:18-23; Ezekiel 36:22-27

Father, You have always guided and provided for Your people
by giving them Your Spirit.

In the Old Testament, You loaned Him
to specific people
for specific times
for specific tasks.

Through Your almighty, all-wise Spirit, You gave individuals
special abilities to do
Your special work.

Through Your Spirit,
some of Your people dreamed dreams of the future.
Some built the tabernacle,
the physical expression of Your transcendent presence among us,
a shadow of the tabernacle in heaven itself.
Some led Your people,
defended Your people,
delivered Your people,
taught Your people, and
prophesied to Your people.

What a wonderful Gift He was!
But those special times were just
a small taste,
a down-payment
on a day when He would be poured out
forever
on all Your people,
young and old,
male and female,
rich and poor.

Within each person and
among all Your people
He would be
Your wisdom,
Your holiness,
Your strength,
Your undying life.

Your beautiful, loving will would no longer be

an unattainable ideal
but a living reality within us and among us.

O Father, what a magnificent promise!
What a magnificent Gift!

Hymn: [Ezekiel's Vision](#)

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