

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

God created us to share in His work here on earth.

“Let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26, NASB)

Even in the centuries before Christ came,
God shared His Spirit
to enable people to share in His work.

When famine threatened,
God shared His Spirit
with Joseph
to enable him to rule Egypt wisely (Genesis 41:38).

When God’s people spent forty years in a barren wilderness,
God shared His Spirit
with seventy elders of Israel, to help Moses rule (Numbers 11:24-30);
with the craftsman Bezalel, to build the tabernacle (Exodus 31:1-5);
with Joshua, to lead His people into the promised land (Numbers 27:18).

Throughout Israel’s history,
God shared His Spirit
in targeted ways,
at specific times,
for specific tasks,
with specific people.
He shared Him particularly with
prophets,
military leaders, and
kings
to provide for the needs of His people.

But as centuries past,
God began speaking through His prophets
to promise a time when His Spirit would be
poured out
in a greater, deeper way
on all His people.

*“But now listen, O Jacob, My servant,
And Israel, whom I have chosen:
Thus says the Lord who made you*

*And formed you from the womb, who will help you,
'Do not fear, O Jacob My Servant;
And you, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour out water on the thirsty land
And streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring
And My blessing on your descendants.'"* (Isaiah 44:1-3, NASB)

"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." (Isaiah 59:21, NASB)

*"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.
Even on the male and female servants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord
Will be delivered.* (Joel 2:28-29, 32, NASB)

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. (Ezekiel 36:27, NASB)

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