

## Holy Fire When the Holy Spirit Comes

### Introduction:

1. Three examples of wind
2. All invisible but either cool, or destroy or saves

### The Wind – Pneuma

1. The Greek word for Spirit (*pneuma*) comes from a root word that means “wind,” or “to breath, or blow.”
2. The Hebrew word for Spirit (*ruach*) is translated spirit or wind depending on the context.
3. For example, God parted the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites by causing an east “wind” (*ruach*) to blow. ***Exodus 15:8: “And with the blast (ruach) of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.”***
4. ***Genesis 6:17: “And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath (ruach) of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.”***
5. Jesus links the Holy Spirit with wind while speaking to a Pharisee name Nicodemus, in the middle of the night: ***John 3:6-8 “Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”***
6. ***In Acts 2, the arrival of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the sound of a “rushing, mighty wind.”***
7. On the cross, ***Jesus said, “into your hands I commit my “Spirit” (Pneuma).***
8. Clearly, the connections, or similarities between the Holy Spirit and wind or air that is being moved / blown are VERY strong in the Scripture.
9. What can we learn based on this close association between moving air (wind, or breath) and the Holy Spirit?
10. ***Genesis 1:2: “...and the Spirit (ruach) of God moved upon the waters.”***
11. ***Genesis 3:8: “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God moving about in the orchard at the breezy (ruach) time of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the orchard.”***

### The Shift

1. Story of the domination of the Swiss when it came to watchmaking
2. In 1968 They made 65% of all watches but by 1980 they controlled only 10% of the market
3. ironically the Swiss invented the Quartz movement but rejected it
4. In the Book of Acts we see a powerful paradigm shift when the Holy Spirit comes
5. In fact the entire book of Acts is the blueprint of the infant Church, growing by the paradigm-shifting miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit.
6. As the disciples were gathered together - in the midst of their anguish comes a mighty Wind
7. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is working to renew the Church, but unfortunately we may not be listening.

8. They read of miracles but have never witnessed events like what is described in the NT
9. Many cringe to think such things would ever happen in their church

### **The Best Way:**

1. We need to allow the Holy Spirit free reign and hunger for the mighty Wind.
2. I want to challenge you to step out and open ourselves up to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, to renewal, to new life for our church.
3. **Genesis 1 says, "a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."**
4. in **Genesis 2, the bible says, "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being."**
5. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, however, is not a once-and-for-all experience.
6. **Ephesians 5:18. "Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit"** – be constantly filled
7. Alexander Dowie "I leak"
8. **Ezekiel 37 – Valley of Dry Bones**
9. God says, "**Call to the spirit,**" - Ezekiel cries out to the Spirit, and the dry bones come to life.

### **Intimate:**

1. Kathryn Kuhlman ""*please don't grieve the Holy Spirit. He's all that I have.*"
2. Today many say "*I want the power of the Holy Spirit*" but there is no intimacy with Him
3. Many refer to the precious Holy Spirit as it
4. The last thing Paul wrote to the Corinthians was "**may the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you**" – communion is Koinonia – Fellowship – Partnership – Intimacy
5. Let me ask you this – do you have a dialogue with the Holy Spirit?
6. Interaction with my wife
7. The Book of Acts is the foundation documents of the church you will realize what was normal for the church back then is not normal for us today,
8. I know people who have been Christians for years but really don't know Jesus that well
9. Paul never personally was with Jesus but he had an intimacy because of the Holy Spirit

### **The Fear of God:**

1. **Psalm 19:9 says, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever."**
2. The fear of the Lord is hidden from modern day Christianity.
3. **Exodus 20:20. "Do not fear because God has come to test you that the fear of Him may be before you"**
4. He is differentiating between being scared of God and fear of the Lord.
5. The person who is scared of God has something to hide.
6. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.
7. We are to love what He loves and we hate what He hates.
8. **Hebrews 1: 9 "Because you've loved righteousness and hated sin, therefore, God, even thy God has anointed you above all"**
9. so we need to learn to hate sin the way God hate sin
10. The Lord's Prayer

### **Be Holy:**

1. God says "**be holy, for I God am holy**"
2. Is the precious Holy Spirit all you got? i.e.- is He your priority – your all in all?
3. What does that mean to you?