

I Samuel 10:6

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The Spirit-filled life is characterized by the gift of prophecy, a change in our nature, and the assurance of God's presence in our lives.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 10:6, Joel 2:28

Topics: "The Holy Spirit", "Transformation"

Description

Chuck Smith discusses the significance of living a Spirit-filled life, emphasizing that while Saul had natural qualifications for kingship, it was the divine qualification of the Spirit of the Lord that truly empowered him. He outlines three key aspects: the ability to prophesy, the transformation into a new person, and the assurance of God's presence through the Spirit. Smith highlights that the Spirit not only inspires but also changes us to reflect Christ's image, providing comfort and strength in our weaknesses. Ultimately, the indwelling Spirit serves as God's assurance and pledge of our inheritance.

Transcript

"THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE"

Intro: Israel's clamor for a king. Saul's appointment. Natural qualifications - great physique, courageous, wealthy family, modest person. These all from natural side. Samuel speaks to him of the divine qualifications "The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you." Three fold purpose.

I. "THOU SHALT PROPHECY" (BENEFIT OUTWARD).

A. Gift of prophecy not always in predictive sense.

1. A speaking forth of divinely inspired utterances.

a. The thoughts come pouring into your consciousness.

b. They can be in the form of comfort, exhortive, rebuke, reproof.

c. Not Spirit speaking through you but giving you the thoughts

you speak.

1. Volume and tenor of voice your part.
2. In Old Testament times only limited numbers received gift of Spirit.

a. Moses wished all the Lord's people could be so blessed.

1. Eldad and Meded prophesied in camp "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit..."

b. Joel envisioned and prophesied of such a day. "In the last days my Spirit shall come upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,..."

c. Peter spoke of experience on day of Pentecost as fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. He later notes the gift given them for all church..."

II. "THOU SHALT BE TURNED INTO ANOTHER MAN."

A. The Spirit given to effect a change in us.

1. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities."
2. "If we by the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the flesh."
3. "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit."
4. All of this to conform us into the image of Christ.

a. God's desire for us revealed in Christ. He lived as God wants us to live.

"I could never live like that" Why? Of course you can't that's why He sent His Spirit. The same Spirit that dwelled in Christ can and will now dwell in you.

III. "TO PROVE THAT GOD WAS WITH HIM."

A. It was after these other signs were fulfilled that Saul was to know that Samuels' words of the Kingdom were true and God was with him.

1. The receiving of the Spirit brings assurance.

a. I John "We know He e abides in us and we in Him, by the Spirit He has given us."

b. Satan may challenge many things.

1. God's Word.

2. Your conversion.

3. Cannot challenge the fact of the indwelling Spirit.

2. The Spirit is God's pledge to us. Eph. "He has given us the Spirit who is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.

Has the Spirit reached the ultimate in your life, by a ministry outward?

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