

Theme: In the New Covenant the ministry of the Spirit in believers is much more personal, internal, and powerful than it was under the Old Covenant.

I. Intro – Old Covenant and New

- A. Many continuities between Old and New
- B. Some discontinuities as well
- C. Text and reading speak of discontinuities
- D. Reading – direct comparison
- E. Text – And afterward; all; prophecy; those days
- F. Note how Spirit is central in both texts
- G. What are differences in Spirit's ministry in New?

II. The Spirit In the Old Covenant

- A. Spirit dwelled in Temple – not people
 - 1. Tabernacle/Temple – Ex 25:8; 40:34-38; 1 Ki 8:10-11
 - 2. Presence in Temple – Deut 12:5-7
- B. Spirit on few significant people in OT
 - 1. Moses & elders – Num 11:16-17
 - 2. Judges – Jud 3:10
 - 3. Kings – 1 Sam 16:13-14
 - 4. Prophets – 2 Pet 1:20-21
- C. The Plea for Greater Ministry of the Spirit

- 1. Moses – Num 11:29 – Spirit on all; prophecy
- 2. All people – Joel 2:28-29
- 3. All like prophets – Joel 2:28-29
- 4. Full provision – poured out – Joel 2:28-29

III. Spirit's Glorious New Covenant Ministry

- A. The prophecies have been fulfilled
 - 1. Pentecost – Acts 2:16-18; 2:33
 - 2. Promised for all – Acts 2:38-39
- B. We are now the Temple – Spirit dwells in us
 - 1. Temple - 1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:21
 - 2. Dwells in us – 1 Cor 6:19-20; Rom 8:9
- C. We are the anointed ones in whom Spirit dwells
 - 1. Anointed, sealed w/Spirit – 2 Cor 1:21-22
 - 2. Priesthood of all believers – 1 Peter 2:5,9
 - 3. Glory of New Covenant – 2 Cor 3:7-9

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see that we live in the time of fulfillment?
 - 1. Types and shadows replaced with reality!
 - 2. The cry of Moses has been fulfilled!
 - 3. We are prophets, priests, kings - anointed by Spirit

4. Has this sunk into our mind and Spirit?
- B. Do we live as those anointed by the Spirit?
1. Do we live as a priest – access to God?
 2. Do we live as a king – overseeing where God calls?
 3. Do we live as prophet – speaking God's words?
 4. Do we live as anointed – using gifts to serve?
- C. Communion – the feast of fulfillment by Spirit
1. Christ has fulfilled Passover
 2. Our sins taken away; clothed in righteousness
 3. Angel of death must pass over us forever
 4. Come and eat the reality of salvation!

The Glorious New Covenant Ministry of the Spirit

Joel 2:28-29
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Numbers 6:24-26

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 2 Corinthians 3:7-8

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Exodus 25:8

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷ but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out-- until the day it lifted. ³⁸ So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels. Exodus 40:34-38

When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. ¹¹ And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple. 1 Kings 8:10-11

But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; ⁶ there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices...

⁷ There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you. Deuteronomy 12:5-7

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: "**Bring me seventy of Israel's elders** who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.... ¹⁷ I will come down and speak with you there, and **I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them.** They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone. Num 11:16-17

¹⁰ **The Spirit of the LORD came upon him,** so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The LORD gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. Judges 3:10

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, **and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.** Samuel then went to Ramah. ¹⁴ **Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul,** and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. 1 Samuel 16:13-14

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹ **For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** 2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? **I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"** Numbers 11:29

No, **this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:** ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. Acts 2:16-18

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a **holy temple** in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become **a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.** Ephesians 2:21-22

¹⁹ Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,** whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your body.** 1Cor 6:19-20

⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. **And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.** Romans 8:9

²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. **He anointed us,** ²² **set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing** what is to come. 2 Cor 1:21-22

⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a **spiritual house** to be a **holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.... ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood,** a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:5, 9

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸ **will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?** ⁹ If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! 2 Corinthians 3:7-9