

PRAYER SCHOOL

LESSON 5 -----PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1:8 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“But you will receive power (Dunamis) and ability (Exousia) when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth”.

There are two types of power in the Greek:

Dunamis – Strength and power

Exousia – authority and capability

It is the **Exousia** power that Jesus gave us in Luke 10:19

Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire

Matthew 3:11

1. Immersion in the power of God’s Spirit
2. The purifying fire of God

Acts 2 :4

1. The 120 were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake in other tongues
2. The same 120 were obedient to wait to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high.
3. “God gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey.” Acts 5:32
4. There were more than 500 witnesses of our Lord’s resurrection I Corinthians 15:6. However, 120 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the appearance of tongues of fire. What happened to the 380? Obedience to his prompting, directives and commands are vital.

Acts 19:6

1. Paul laid hand on the people.
2. The Holy Ghost came upon them.

3. The spoke in tongues.

4. And they prophesied.

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Romans 8: 26-27 King James (KJV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

I Corinthians 14: 1, 2 New Living Translation (NLT)

“Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives – especially the ability to prophesy. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won’t be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the **power** of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious [secret truths, hidden things].

Power – You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit.

I Corinthians 14:14-15 King James (KJV)

¹⁴ For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Known tongue vs. unknown tongue:

Ephesians 6:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all ^[a]God's people.

Jude 1:20 Darby Bible Translation

“But ye, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...”

1. Praying in the Spirit is intercessory prayer. Holy Spirit helps us to pray mysteries that are in his mind. He empowers us to pray according to the will of God as we pray in the Spirit.
2. We are to have on the whole armor of God as we are on alert, persevere, and petition for all God's people.
3. When we pray in the Spirit, our minds have no idea what we are praying and the language we are praying in is also unknown to us.
4. We build up our faith and strength when we pray in the Spirit.

5. He puts the “super” on our “natural”. He helps us to witness, receive revelation knowledge and discernment.

Acts 2:1 -11 New Living Translation

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome; Cretans and Arabs – **we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!**”

Other Scriptures on the Holy Spirit:

Luke 1:35

Luke 4:36

Rom. 1:20

I Cor. 1:22 -24

II Cor. 12;9

Eph. 3:20-21

II Tim. 1:7

Heb. 1:3

II Pet. 1:3