

The Holy Spirit

Lesson 11 – The Holy Spirit – We Have An Anointing

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Introduction

The more familiar we get with God's Word the better the Holy Spirit is going to be able to lead and guide us. He can't lead us if we don't grow in the Word. What we want many times is a magic formula, but God is not going to do that for you.

"Afterward you will come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and they will be prophesying. Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man. (1 Samuel 10:5-6)

The Carpenter Shop

After Jesus was led by the Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil Jesus returns to Nazareth, He goes to the synagogue as His custom was and they asked Him to speak.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."
(Luke 4:18-19)*

Did you ever wonder, when the stirring began? Did You ever wonder when it began to occur to Jesus, that he wasn't always going to be a carpenter? One day, Jesus walked out of a carpenter shop and he never went back.

When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; (Luke 9:51)

Because it was in Jerusalem, that he would fulfill His purpose, for coming to this earth. To do the will of God. That was His focus! As a challenge I want to say for you today is what is your life focused on? What is your focus? What is the goal for your life? Are you sanctified to that? Are you being led by the Spirit as Jesus was? (Romans 8:12-14)

The point of this lesson is, all of us have a carpenter shop. The Carpenter shops are places of preparation for the next Jerusalem.

The only reason we are on this earth is to know God. We make the mistake of thinking our purpose in life is our vocation. Our vocations are for glorifying God. If you're not glorifying God in your profession, you're in the wrong profession. The same thing is true with the events of our lives.

A carpenter shop presents to us some problems. Sometimes we want to leave before we're ready. And some do not want to leave at all. Because we get comfortable in the carpenter shop.

Everybody who has been born of water and the Spirit feels the stirring of the Holy Spirit. He is always calling us to go higher up and deeper into the will of God. Every day, He is always calling us to leave whatever carpenter shop we're in and go to whatever Jerusalem He wants us to go to.

A call to Jerusalem is a call to die. Jesus went to Jerusalem to die. And he did. But his life didn't end there. Neither does ours. Once you die to self, Satan no longer has any control over you.

Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:9)

So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:11-13)

It is time to hear and follow the leading of the Spirit of God. We need to set our minds toward Jerusalem and get out of our carpenter shops!

What Now?

We need to be workers in the carpenter shop before we travel to Jerusalem. This week read the bible or do a bible study with at least one person this week. (Study Romans 12)