

## Section One

# Why Explore the Workings of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives?

“The power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.” (Luke 5:17)

The provisions of God were made available to Jesus and are made available to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This encompasses all gifts, including the power to heal, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, and knowing what God is doing at any particular time. For you to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit is an extremely profitable pursuit.

Todd Bentley, a powerful healing evangelist, tells that God developed this ministry in his life by teaching him to become sensitive to the Holy Spirit within him and training him to move in the power of the Spirit. Todd describes spending hours a day for a period of months, pouring over the Scriptures that speak of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He dialogued with the Holy Spirit about each verse and became excited about the fact that the Holy Spirit would do these things in **his** life. Todd talked to the Holy Spirit about these things and listened to His response while sensing the Holy Spirit’s presence in the room.

As a result of Todd spending months alone developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit, he can feel now the Holy Spirit enter the

room during his healing crusades, and see exactly what He is doing, and hear His voice as He describes who and what He is healing.

Todd Bentley is not the only leading minister who recommends intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Benny Hinn, world-renowned healing evangelist, encourages daily fellowship with Him in his book *Good Morning, Holy Spirit*. His healing services all begin with a time of intimate worship by the assembly, wooing the Holy Spirit to come be present in a powerful healing anointing.

John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard network of churches, teaches in his books that we need to invite the Holy Spirit to come and perform healings. Then we must watch for the manifestations of His healing presence, and follow along with what we observe Him doing.

Kathryn Kuhlman emphasized honoring the Holy Spirit in her healing crusades. She even led parts of the worship, making sure the Holy Spirit's presence was there and that He was fully welcomed into the meeting.

Peter Tan, a great teacher and pastor from Malaysia, has written a powerful book on *The Anointing of the Holy Spirit* which draws the individual into greater understanding of, and interaction with, the Holy Spirit.

David Youngi Cho, pastor of the world's largest church in Seoul, Korea, also encouraged the experience of intimacy with the Holy Spirit in his book on *The Fourth Dimension*.

The following Bible meditation is designed to help you grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Your goal is to become a friend of God who is able to recognize His presence and receive His instructions, especially as you minister divine healing to those in need.

So now let's explore this whole area of intimacy with the Holy Spirit, and seek to deepen our own personal relationship with Him. May this cause an increase of the release of the Holy Spirit's power to work through us as we minister the gift and grace of divine healing to ourselves and to others.

**We sense the Spirit's voice as spontaneous thoughts and His feelings as spontaneous emotions which we receive as we look to Him. There are many biblical images of the Holy Spirit which we can use when we look to Him.**

Following are some Scriptural images of the Holy Spirit we can hold in our imaginations as we approach Him. Remember, we are commanded to use our imaginations to picture the things God has revealed to us in His Word.

**“O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.”**  
(1 Chronicles 29:18 KJV)

So picturing the Holy Spirit in one of the following ways is a good jumping off place for you to begin fellowshiping with Him.

**The Holy Spirit can be seen as:**

**A River** (Jn. 7:38-39)

**A Poured Out Blessing** (Isa. 44:3-4) and **Oil of Blessing Poured Out** (1 Sam. 16:13; Ps. 133:1-3)

**Fire** (Isa. 4:4)

**The Illuminator** (1 Cor. 2:10-11; Eph. 1:17ff.)

**Wind** (Jn. 3:8)

**Tongues as of Fire** (Acts 2:3-4)

**A Dove** (Mk. 1:10)

**God's Radiant Glory** (2 Cor. 3:8,18; 1 Pet. 4:14)

**A Descended Cloud of Glory** (Num. 11:25; 2 Chron. 5:14)

**Names given to the Holy Spirit:** Helper, Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26); Spirit of Truth (Jn. 15:26); Spirit of the Lord (Acts 5:3,9); Spirit, Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9). Please look up each of these verses and ask the Holy Spirit to talk with you concerning how He reveals Himself to you through each of His names.

**Stop reading now!** Look up each of the above verses, holding them in the imagination of your heart so you become comfortable seeing the Holy Spirit in each of these ways. As you are holding each picture in the imagination of your heart, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about experiencing Him in this particular way. Record what

He says in a separate journal. Below is Mark Virkler's journaling on the above verses. Once you have done your own journaling, then go on to read Mark's journaling.

## **The Holy Spirit can be seen as:**

### **A River (John 7:38-39)**

Jesus, may I speak with the Holy Spirit about this verse?

Mark, why don't you start by speaking to Me.

Okay. Jesus, what would You like to say to me concerning this?

Mark, I am the Author and Giver of Life. It is belief in Me that releases the river of the Holy Spirit. The river is available to those who have come to Me, who have given their lives to Me, who have chosen to follow Me. The Holy Spirit follows My lead, He goes where I have gone. He fills that which I have opened to Him. One comes first to Me and then I introduce him to the power and the presence of My Holy Spirit. I take the lead, and the Spirit follows My lead.

Once you have joined your heart to Me, then I open you up to the wonderful river of God – the river of the Holy Spirit. You will then experience Him flowing and surging within you. It is because I have opened the door of your heart to His wonderful presence. Now go and talk with Him about His presence in your heart.

Holy Spirit, what would You speak to me concerning Your presence in my heart?

Well, Mark, you have felt Me many times. I am the surge of laughter and joy which you experience within. I make your heart merry. I release the pressures you are carrying and give you merriment of heart and soul. When you have felt that, you have felt Me. I am the river of life within you, splashing and surging along, which you experience when

**Scripture:** *The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Genesis 1:2-3)*

**Meditation Questions:** What does the Holy Spirit do? What is the result of the moving of the Spirit of God, and the spoken word of God?

**Two-way Journaling Response:** Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me concerning this verse and/or this experience in my own life?

**Scripture:** *Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." (Genesis 6:3)*

**Meditation Question:** What does the Holy Spirit do?

**Two-way Journaling Response:** Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me concerning this verse and/or this experience in my own life?

**Scripture:** *Then Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?” So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you.” (Genesis 41:38-40)*

**Meditation Questions:** What can the Holy Spirit do? What can the results be?

**Two-way Journaling Response:** Holy Spirit, what do You want to say to me concerning this verse and/or this experience in my own life?