

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

A sure sign of the Holy Spirit's working is that Jesus is magnified, not people. When the Holy Spirit truly moves, Jesus is the One Who is revealed, praised, and lifted up. Is it our desire to make much of Him?

Our study has been focused on Jesus as our great High Priest and His ministry to us now and on the Holy Spirit and His ministry in our lives which impacts the world. We need to discern and obey the Spirit's voice esp. when He asks us to do something that is hard, a little beyond we might perceive as "normal," and something that requires sacrifice. Our role is twofold: it is about our listening to and obeying the Spirit's leading in our lives and encouraging others to do the same.

We must never forget that the power of the One Who raised Jesus from the dead is living in us. As a result, we have no need to muster up our own might. Our great need is to fall before an almighty Father - day and night - and to plead for Him to show His radical power in and through us, enabling us to accomplish for His glory what we could never imagine in our own strength. When we do this, we will discover that we were created for a purpose much greater than ourselves...the kind of purpose that can only be accomplished in the power of His Spirit.

Holy Spirit, please forgive me for grieving, resisting, and quenching You. Please forgive me for ignoring Your promptings.

Thank You for Your wisdom, Your understanding of the Word of God which You inspired; Your counsel, might, knowledge and instilling in me the desire to stand in awe of and adore the Lord.

Thank You for revealing Jesus to me.

Thank You for guiding me into truth.

Thank You for searching out the deep things of God.

Thank You for giving me the desire to walk in the Spirit, to know Your power and presence in my life.

Thank You for promising me the fruit produced in my life when I walk with You: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Thank You for occupying my heart with joy!

Please transform me moment by moment.

Please cause me to know how to live for You NOW!

Please give me a keen sense of Your presence. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And, we must never forget that Jesus, as our great High Priest, seated at the right hand of God, is now ministering to us. As we watch and wait for Him to return for us in the Rapture, at any moment, we cry out, *Come, Lord Jesus!*