

# Releasing the Power of the Holy Spirit



## I. Welcoming the Holy Spirit

### Holy Spirit and Power

Judges 14:6 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> The Spirit of the LORD came upon him (Samson) in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat.

Luke 4:14 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

## II. 3 Responses of Cooperation

### A. Prayer

1 Corinthians 14:18 (NASB®)

<sup>18</sup> I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV®)

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

### B. Expectancy

Luke 2:38 (NASB®)

<sup>38</sup> At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to **all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.**

### C. Honor God's Word

Luke 2:25-35 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him.** <sup>26</sup> It had been **revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

<sup>27</sup> **Moved by the Spirit,** he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> **For my eyes have seen your salvation,** <sup>31</sup> **which you have prepared in the sight of all people,** <sup>32</sup> **a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.**"

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

## **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, pour out your Spirit upon my life. I offer myself as a living sacrifice, yielded to you. I want to know you in the power of your truth. I choose the truth for my life, turning away from all deception. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, in Jesus' name, amen.

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