

The Spirit of God

God's Spirit in the OT

General

- Spirit hovering at creation (Gen 1:2, NIV)
- "The Spirit of the Lord came on him" - Othniel (Judg 3:10); Gideon (Judg 6:34); Jephthah (Judg 11:29); Saul (1 Sam 11:6)
- Samson = strength - Jud 15:14-15 (1000 men); Jud 13:25; Jud 14:19 (30 men); 14:6 (lion)
- Bezalel = artistic skill (Ex 35:30-33, NET)

Prophets

- David (2 Sam 23:2, NET)
- Ezekiel (Ezek 11:5, NET) – note insight from Spirit
- Micah (Mic 3:8, NET)
- Simeon (Lk 2:25-26, NIV) – specific leading
- Even surprising people used by God's Spirit ... Balaam (Num 24:2-3); Saul (1 Sam 10:6, NIV) – also v 9-10; enemies (1 Sam 19:20,23ff)
- NT explanation of prophets (2 Pet 1:20-21, NIV) – and Jesus affirmed (Matt 22:43)

Looking ahead

- Messiah – "shoot" (Is 11:1-2, NIV) & anointing to bring good news (61:1-4,ESV)
- New covenant/agreement & hearts to match - (Ez 36:26-27, NIV)
- Pour out on all (Joel 2:28-29, NIV)

God's Spirit in the NT

Messiah coming

- Jesus' conception (Lk 1:35, NET) & (Matt 1:18, NET)
- John's birth (Lk 1:15); Elizabeth (Lk 1:41), Zechariah (Lk 1:67)
- John's introduction (Mk 1:7-8, NIV)
- Baptism (Matt 3:16,NET)
- Led by (Matt 4:1,NET; Lk 4:14, NET)
- Fulfillment of OT (Lk 4:18, NET) – quote from Is 61:12

Jesus teaching

- Importance of the Spirit (Jn 6:63, ESV; Jn 3:5, ESV)
- Promise of giving the Spirit (Jn 7:37-39, NET; Jn 14:16-17, NET; Jn 16:7, NIV)

Early church

- Anticipation (Acts 1:4-5, NET)
- Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, NET) & Peter's explanation (Acts 2:16-17, NET)
- Gospel (Acts 4:38, NET)

NT Teaching

- Presence of God in every Christian (Eph 1:13, NIV); 1 Cor 6:19
- Spirit of Jesus (Rom 8:9-11, NET)
- Gal 3:2-5, 14

1. Fruit

- Fruit - Gal 5:22-23, NET
- Leading - Rom 8:13, NIV
- Transforming - 2 Cor 3:18, HCSB

2. Outworking

- Manifestation of the Spirit - 1 Cor 12:7-11, NET
- Jesus' promise - Mk 13:11, NET
- Clear impact - 1 Cor 2:4, NET

3. Wisdom

- Jesus promise - Jn 14:26, NET; Jn 16:12-13
- Know God's ways - Col 1:9, NIV; 1 Cor 2:9-16;
- Guidance - Acts 16:6-7, NET; Acts 8:29, NET; Acts 10:19, NET;
- Prayer - Eph 6:18; Jude 20; Rom 8:26-27

4. Love

- Confirm as children - Rom 8:15-16, NET; Gal 4:6;
- Love - Rom 5:5, NET
- Know God's love - Eph 3:16-19, NET;
- Hope & joy - Rom 15:13; 1 Thess 1:6

Conclusion:

- Spirit as wind - Jn 3:8, ESV
- Don't quench - 1 Thess 5:19
- Be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18)
- 1 Cor 4:20
- Ordinary work - "Word of Christ dwell in you" (Col 3:16); "remain in me & my words .." (Jn 15:7); "Keep in step" - Gal 5:25
- Asking - Eph 3:16-19, NIV; Col 1:9, NIV; Eph 1:17, NIV
- God works & we work - Phil 2:12-13, NIV