

Prayer for Youth Classes

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES

Scripture:

Isaiah 32:14-15¹³⁻¹⁸
" 44:3

Introduction

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the determining factor in spiritual work being accomplished. Without His presence, spiritual work either ceases or is carried on at a carnal level. In such cases, Satan prevails, iniquity abounds, Christians lament about conditions and are powerless to do anything about it.

With the outpouring of the Spirit comes power to begin anew spiritual work. Christians become bold. Satan's domain is wrested from him and occupied by the Spirit.

I. Desolation without the Spirit

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High....

Daniel 7:25

A. Iniquity abounds

1. Righteousness forsaken

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:12

a. Spirit's work in regeneration

b. Spirit the giver of spiritual life

...for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2 Corinth. 3:6

2. Spineless "Christians" allow iniquity to prevail

B. God's work decays

1. Cross de-emphasized

a. First sign of declining spirituality

b. Paul's declaration

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 6:14

I. Desolation without the Spirit

B. God's work decays

2. Social gospel proclaimed

C. Spirit's habitation left unoccupied

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none.

Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Matthew 12:43-45

II. Spirit's outpouring brings fruitfulness

Until the spirit be poured out from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitfull field, and the fruitfull field be counted for a forest.

Isaiah 32:15

A. Christians emboldened

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and THEY SPAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS.

Acts 4:31

B. Spiritual work begun anew

1. Elijah

- a. In exile at brook Cherith
- b. Other prophets slain
- c. Baalism prevailed

ROMANS 7 - DEFEAT

ROMANS 8 - VICTORY (KEY: THE SPIRIT)

II. Spirit's outpouring brings fruitfulness

B. Spiritual work begun anew

1. Elijah

d. Elijah possessed of Holy Spirit

And Elijah said, As the Lord liveth,
before whom I stand.

1 Kings 18:15

e. Stands boldly 1 against 400

f. Given victory

2. Early Church

Conclusion

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye
shall search with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

And I will multiply upon you man and beast;
and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I
will settle you after your old estates, and
WILL DO BETTER UNTO YOU THAN AT YOUR BEGINNINGS:
and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 36:11