

The Work of the Holy Spirit- Old Testament

The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church. Wayne Grudem

Introduction- John 7:38-39; 14:17. Numbers 11:25-30. There is a definite difference in the active and more permanent role the Holy Spirit now plays versus that in the OT. In the NT, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30) and also He is given as a pledge (2 Cor 1:22; 5:5) of the Father's commitment.

Additionally, there are prophecies of a time when the Spirit would come in a greater or more full measure (Ezekiel 36:26-27; 37:14; 39:29; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Joel 2:28-29).

- 1) Creation- Genesis 1:2-3; Job 33:4; 34:14-15
- 2) Restraining Sin- Genesis 6:3; cf. 20:6 (to judge, strive, dispute, contend with man).
- 3) Providence of God's creation / program- Job 34:14-15; Psalm 104:10-15, 30; Zechariah 4:6; Hag 2:5; Nehemiah 9:20; Isaiah 63:10-11, 14.
- 4) Regeneration- John 3:1-12; Psalm 14:1-3; Jeremiah 17:9; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Titus 3:5
- 5) Revelation- Ezekiel 2:2; 11:5; 2 Peter 1:21; Zechariah 7:12; Acts 1:16; 4:25; David speaks through the Spirit, 2 Sam 23:2; Micah, 3:8. Elizabeth, Luke 1:41-42; Zechariah, Luke 1:67-79; Simeon (Luke 2:25-32); John the Baptist, Luke 1:15; When did the OT end? Luke 16:16; Matthew 11:11. Also, the reference above of Numbers 11:25-30 brought prophesying in the OT. There is a minor distinction between those that had permanent prophetic ministries (Ezekiel, Isaiah, etc.) and minor prophetic utterances (Saul 1 Sam 10:6, 10; 70 Elders of Num 11).
- 6) Power for Service- Joshua, Numbers 27:18; Deut 34:9; Othniel, Judges 3:10; Gideon, 6:34; Jephthah, Judges 11:29; Samson, 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14; Saul, 1 Samuel 11:6; David, 16:13. NOTE: This power of service can be removed: Samson, Judges 13:24-25 versus 16:20; Saul, 1 Samuel 11:6 versus 16:14; David, 16:13 versus his fear in Psalm 51:11.
- 7) Protection / Transportation in Service for God- Elijah, 1 Kings 18:12; 2 Kings 2; Philip, Acts 8:39-40.
- 8) Gifts for Service- Artistic ability for the tabernacle. Bezalel, Exodus 31:3; 35:31-34. Administration as spoken by unbelievers about believers. Joseph, Genesis 41:38. Dream interpretation by unbelievers about believers. Daniel, 4:8; 5:11-14; 6:3.
- 9) Messiah- Isaiah 42:1; 11:1-3; 61:1-2.