

# ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Psalm 81:10 "I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I will fill it."*

In the days of Israel's captivity in Egypt, the thought of coming out of the iron furnace and iron-gripped tyranny rule of a callous and heartless pharaoh was considered as a thought of impossibility. None of them, from the eldest of the elders to the latest of the lads, ever thought that they will one day leave Egypt as Freeman. Pharaoh's grip and hold on them were deemed as a supernatural act that no natural man can counteract. They had resigned to fate that indeed that was their portion in life before death. They, therefore, weathered it and became acclimatized to it. It never occurred to them that they will one day walk out of Egypt.

But the God of all grace did His thing once again. He brought deliverance and enlargement from unexpected quarters. He completely shattered the power of Pharaoh and his gods over the children of Israel and broke into pieces his dominance and control, therefore as a result the people of Israel were left as freemen. On this premise and foundation, the Lord was now telling the current Israelites that there is no limit to His power and might. If He could deliver them from a seemingly impossible situation then He is incontestably capable to supply every need of theirs to its elastic limit.

The Israelites encounter the Spirit of God and were delivered and liberated from the hands of Pharaoh. One encounter with God can change your life forever. Jacob had an encounter and his story changed; Hannah had an encounter and was drastically transformed; Samuel's encounter paved way for the prophetic gift to be released upon him; Solomon had an encounter and had an extraordinary wisdom which from his time until now no man has ever received such again; Paul the apostle also had an encounter with Christ and his life was changed. An encounter with God will transform that situation of yours and put you above your mockers. *God is about to surprise you with a miracle and breakthrough that will take years to explain and enjoy. Receive it now!!!*

## What Results Without the Spirits Fire and Power

If the Spirit's fire and power are not present in your life and in our churches then we will have Prayer without Passion; Preaching without Power; Passion without Purity; Programs without Progress; Teaching without Touching; Church without Christ; Fellowship without Fervor and the Father; Service without Seriousness and the Son; Giving without Grace and the Giver; Songs without the Spirit's Inspiration; Restructuring without Revival; Resolution without Revolution; Rallies without Real Results; Rights without Righteousness; Evangelism without Energy and Enthusiasm; Followers without Faithfulness and Fruitfulness. *May you be full of the Spirit's fire and power to overcome and be an overcomer in Jesus' mighty name. May these spiritual banes be not your portion in life and ministry in Jesus' mighty name. You will walk and work in the fullness of the Spirit's fire and power. You will not lack any of the provisions of the Spirit in your life and ministry in Jesus' mighty name.*

## Born Out of the Spirit

Any work born out of the Spirit and done in time will live on in eternity. Jesus said the world and its lust will pass away but he that does the will of God abides forever. Does that mean that those who do the will of God will not die? No! Jesus told Nicodemus in *John 3:6* “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*” Any work born out of the Spirit assumes the composition and constitution of the Spirit and spirits don't die. In *John 6:63*, Jesus revealed what actually constitutes the will of God which is also the word of God by saying – “*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. The words spoken by the WORD are spirit and life.*” So, if a man walks in the realm of the word in obedience and submission, any work he produces as a result of his obedience to the word assumes the composition and constitution of the word which Jesus said they are spirit, and they are life. And that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. The works born out of the word which is life and spirit are also spirit and spirits don't die. That is why he that does the will of God abides forever.

## Order - Discipline of the Spirit

One of the disciplines the Spirit brings into our lives is ORDER. He flows with and in order and therefore He finds it easy to flow where there is ORDER. He hardly flows in a chaotic and disordered environment. The best He can do in such an environment and atmosphere is to establish order first before He begins to flow to manifest the will of the Father. His outburst can be chaotic to the natural eyes but in the realm of the Spirit that is the order the Father has laid for Him to flow and manifest. ORDER is the pattern of the Spirit. In this context, the definition of ORDER is determined by the will of the Father. I am talking about DIVINE ORDER, that which has been defined by the Father.

## God of Fire and His Power

The devil will not fear a church without fire. Neither will he back off to life without fire. A destiny without fire cannot intimidate him. A ministry without fire will be a walking misery and not a mystery to him. Our God is a consuming fire. Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Ghost and with fire. The devil shall be destroyed in the lake of fire. The Lord appeared to Moses as fire in the burning bush. Elijah settled the long overdue debate with the altar of Baal by fire. *Receive the fire of God now into your spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

There is a dimension of God's power and provision you will only see and experience when you are threatened by evil men and precarious situations. Moses by the red sea gave credence to this truth, Esther by the threats of Haman added proof to this truth, Daniel in the lion's den confirmed this truth, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego concurred to this truth in the furnace of fire, Peter in Jail testified to this truth and Paul bit by a venomous viper agreed to this truth. *May you experience that dimension of God's power and provision in your situation in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.*