

Baptism in the Power of the Holy Spirit

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It appears that in the parable of the ten virgins told by Yahusha, that believers can not enter the kingdom of heaven unless they are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and pray in other tongues. The scriptures often use the metaphor of anointing with oil as a symbol of being anointed with the Holy Spirit. In the parable of the ten virgins, only five of the virgins were allowed into the wedding because they had sufficient oil for their lamps.

All ten virgins had lamps with oil in them, so they were all believers with the Holy Spirit, expecting to attend the wedding in the kingdom of heaven. But it was necessary to have an extra supply of oil to enter the kingdom.

Every believer receives the Holy Spirit when he believes. But when a believer is baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit and begins praying in tongues, they get a large increase of the power. Praying in tongues on a daily basis continuously supplies more power as it is used up. Yahusha said that believers must worship Him in spirit, which is praying in tongues ([John 4:23,24](#)). So the five virgins without an extra supply of oil were not allowed into the kingdom.

Matthew 25:1-13 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

All believers receive the Holy Spirit, giving eternal life, when they repent and are baptized in the name of Yahusha for the remission of sins. But baptism in the power of the Holy Spirit is a separate matter. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Yahuah and Yahusha is the one who baptizes with the power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said:

Mark 1:7,8 “There comes one after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Many leaders in the Hebrew Scriptures were anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit, such as Moses, Elijah, Elisha and David. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother’s womb, and his mother and father were also filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:13-17; 41:6,7). Yahusha was filled with the Holy Spirit when He was baptized by John.

John 1:31-34 “He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water. ... I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of Yahuah.”

Yahusha did no miracles until He was baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit. He changed the water into wine after He was baptized by John. And He told His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they were baptized with power. As soon as Peter received the power, he preached his first sermon, adding 3000 new believers, and began healing people.

Luke 4:1,14 “Then Yahusha, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness ... then Yahusha returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee.”

Luke 4:18,19 “The Spirit of Yahuah is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahuah.”

But the prophet Joel prophesied that Yahuah would pour out His Spirit on all people in the last days. Yahusha promised that believers would worship Yahuah in the spirit and out of his heart would flow rivers of living water. The Holy Spirit would live in the believers and guide them into all truth. Worship in spirit is praying in tongues.

Acts 2:16,17 “this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says Yahuah, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.’”

John 4:23,24 “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. Yahuah is spirit, and **those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.**”

Worshiping in spirit is praying in tongues¹. The scripture is clear that believers are required to pray in tongues to worship Yahuah. After Yahusha was resurrected from the dead, He spent about forty days on earth, teaching His disciples. He told them to go into all the world and preach repentance, obedience to the commandments, and the forgiveness of sins; and baptize in the name of Yahuah, Yahusha, and the Holy Spirit. But He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. At the Feast of Pentecost, about ten days later, the Holy Spirit was poured out on them, giving them the power to recruit thousands of believers and perform signs, wonders and miracles of healing. This caused the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the world, despite great opposition.

Luke 24:49 “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Mark 16:15-18 “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; But he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.”

Most believers today are not baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit or pray in tongues. Even those that are, are not obedient to the law, care for the poor, or bear fruit for the kingdom. Even less are taught about the requirements to enter the kingdom of heaven. Consequently, the gospel is not being preached with power to the nations with signs, wonders and miracles of healing. Most nations are being overcome with secular socialism, social justice and false religions.

Most believers are not aware that baptism in the power of the Holy Spirit is a separate matter from baptism in water. Because they do receive the Holy Spirit when they initially believe in the name of Yahusha for the forgiveness of sin. However, baptism in the power of the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues dramatically increases the power of the Spirit and it is a separate event in their lives.

1 Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Praying in the Spirit Brings Power, <https://www.kcm.org/watch/tv-broadcast/praying-the-spirit-brings-power-the-inside-out>

Acts 19:1-6 “Paul ... came to Ephesus. And finding disciples he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So they said to him, ‘We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ So they said, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Then Paul said, ‘John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him, who would come after him, that is on Yahusha the Messiah.’ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of Yahusha. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

When believers pray in tongues, also called praying in the spirit, their spirit is communicating directly with Yahuah, beyond the limitations of knowledge or understanding. Believers are required to ask for whatever they want or need. But their spirit knows what to pray for better than what the believer’s soul or mind does. Therefore, it is much better to pray in the spirit, especially when praying for other people.

Romans 8:26,27 “the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ... He makes intercession for the Saints according to the will of Yahuah.”

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to Yahuah, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the assembly of believers. I wish you all spoke with tongues.”

Every believer can be baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit and pray in tongues if they want to. But most believers don’t do it because spiritual things are strange to them, and they think it will happen spontaneously, as it did in the scriptures. The truth is that the believer must ask for it and begin making unintelligible noise by faith before the Holy Spirit takes over and begins to speak. This feels like foolishness at the beginning, but the believer becomes euphoric with joy when praying in the spirit. It is an act of faith.

1 Corinthians 14:14-18 “if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with understanding. ... I thank my Elohim I speak with tongues more than you all.”

Worshiping in spirit or praying in tongues is only for a believer's private prayer life, required of all believers. It is not related to the gift of praying in other human languages in public prayer services. The believer's spirit is communicating in the spirit to Yahuah in a language that cannot be understood by the human mind. It is necessary to obtain the power of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. It also edifies the believer with love, peace, patience and joy.

Believers who fail to be baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit and pray in tongues on a daily basis have a weak spirit unable to control their carnal soul. So they live their life focused in the physical world. In the spirit believers are magnified with understanding, wisdom, love, faith, patience, self-control, power to wage spiritual warfare and overcome tests and trials. These character traits are required to be chosen for leadership in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 11:13 “how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Galatians 5:22,23 “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Galatians 6:6,7 “whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the spirit will of the spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Jude 1:20,21 “you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping yourselves in the love of Yahuah, looking for the mercy of our Master Yahusha the Messiah unto eternal life.

Romans 8:13,14 “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahuah, these are the sons of Yahuah.”

These verses are talking about works for the whole earthly life of the believer after they have received eternal spirit life. So they are not talking about losing eternal life, which is by faith alone. They are talking about obtaining or losing life of the carnal soul – life in the headquarters of heaven. Those who are sons of Yahuah are the heirs of the promise to be given authority over the earth as the bride of Yahusha. So it is necessary to pray in the spirit to be led by the Holy Spirit unto life in the kingdom.

The Holy Spirit is also necessary to develop faith in the authority of the word to do miracles, to be obedient to the commandments, to honor the name of Yahuah in the midst of opposition, to patiently endure training by tests, trials, persecution and suffering, to do righteous acts, and to bear fruit for the kingdom. So it is necessary to qualify to be chosen to enter the gate to life in the city of New Jerusalem, the headquarters of heaven, as the bride of Yahusha, in the kingdom of Yahuah.