

Stoking the Fire!

(Rekindling the spirit of Yahweh that is in You)

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

The spirit of Yahweh is our lifeline to Yahweh. It can change a coward into a mighty man of valor. Deborah, Gideon, David and Yahshua lives, to name a few, have illustrated the spiritual deliverance that is available when you act according to the spirit of Yahweh. You too can be more than a conqueror. The spirit of Yahweh has clothed you with power as it clothed Gideon. Ordinary people with a heart to serve can be transformed into heroes if they will but stoke the fire and obey the spirit of Yahweh.

Anyone who has confessed Yahshua as their Lord and believed in their heart that Yahweh has raised him from among the dead has received the gift of holy spirit (Rom. 10:9, Acts 2:38). This gift can be referred to as fire, as it was on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Fire is a symbol of Yahweh (Exodus 13:21). A fire, which is not stirred, will smolder or eventually be extinguished. Father has instructed us to keep the fire burning. “The spirit, do not quench [extinguish], prophesyings, do not despise” (I Thess. 5:19,20). Timothy was also instructed, “I put thee in remembrance, to be stirring up Yahweh’s gift of favor, which is in thee through means of the laying on of my hands” (II Tim. 1:6). Stirring up is the Greek word, ‘anazopureo’ which means “to rekindle, to stir into flame, to keep blazing (continuous action, present time), the opposite of "quench" or "extinguish. It is only used once in the New Testament.¹”

The Israelites did the thing that was wicked in the sight of Yahweh, which resulted in the impoverishment of Israel by the Midianites for seven years. Yahweh called Gideon to be the instrument of their deliverance. 300 Israelites went against an army of 135,000. With Yahweh all things are possible. “Now, all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east, were gathered together,—and they crossed over and pitched in the vale of Jezreel. But, the spirit of Yahweh, clothed Gideon” (Judges 6:33). (We also are clothed with power from on high, the promise of the Father (Lk. 24:49).) “When the three hundred blew the horns, Yahweh set the sword of every man, against his neighbor, and against all the host,—and the host fled” (Judges 7:22). The spirit of Yahweh and one man brought deliverance to the Israelites, which lasted forty years.

The spirit of Yahweh also came upon a man named Samson. “So Samson went down...a young lion, roaring to meet him. And the spirit of Yahweh, came suddenly over him, and he tore it in pieces as if he had torn in pieces a kid, there being, nothing at all, in his hand” (Judges 14:5,6). Samuel prophesied to Saul to inform him what would happen when the spirit came upon him. “Then will come suddenly upon thee, the spirit of Yahweh, and thou

¹ Robertson’s NT Word Pictures

shall be moved to **prophecy** with them,—and shall be changed into another man” (I Sam. 10:6). David became mighty after he received the spirit. “And Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren. And the spirit of Yahweh came **mightily** upon David, from that day forward. There is another well-known man that the spirit of Yahweh came upon. “But there shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse,—And, a sprout from his roots, shall bear fruit; And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him” (Is. 11:1). That’s right, it was Yahshua our beloved savior. He walked in the greatness of that anointing. “The spirit of My Lord Yahweh, is upon me,—Because Yahweh hath anointed me to tell good tidings to the oppressed, hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim To captives, liberty, To them who are bound, the opening of the prison” (Is. 61:1). The spirit of Yahweh in a child who will believe and act according to the information the spirit gives will result in great deliverance for mankind.

Now it’s our turn to walk in the fullness with the spirit of Yahweh. This spirit is the promise of the Father foretold in Joel. “And it shall come to pass, afterwards, I will pour out my [Yahweh’s] spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters, shall prophesy,—your old men, shall dream, dreams, your young men, shall see, visions; Moreover also, upon the servants and upon the handmaids—in those days, will I pour out my spirit” (Joel 2:28,29). Listed below are other verses that refer to the promise of the Father:

*Luke 24:49 And lo! I, am sending forth the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry, ye, in the city, until ye be **clothed**, from on high, with power.*

*Acts 1:4,8 And being in company with them he charged them, from Jerusalem, not to absent themselves, but—To abide around the promise of the Father which ye have heard of me...ye shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit cometh upon you*

Acts 2:33 By the right hand of Yahweh, therefore, having been exalted, also, the promise of the holy spirit, having received from the Father, He hath poured out this which, yourselves, do see and hear.

Acts 2:39 For, unto you, is the promise, and unto your children,—and unto all them who are afar off: as many soever as Yahweh our Elohim shall call unto him.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom, ye also—hearing the word of the truth, the glad-message of your salvation,—in whom also believing,—were sealed with the spirit of the promise, the holy.

The promise has arrived and you have it, the mighty spirit of Yahweh. Stoke the fire that has been given to you and as it blazes up it will become an ascending sacrifice that is well pleasing to our Father and our Lord, the Anointed Yahshua.

What task is Yahweh stirring in your heart to perform? Yahweh is in you to energize and to do His good pleasure as He was in David when he slew Goliath (Phil. 2:13). What holds us back from being heroes is fear, sin or a lack of knowledge of Yahweh’s Word. As Moses

spoke, “Oh would that, all the people of Yahweh, were prophets! Yea let Yahweh put his spirit upon them” (Num. 11:29)! Yahweh has put His spirit upon you! Stoke the fire.

How do we stoke the fire? By feeding and acting on the Words of Yahweh as Gideon did. A messenger spoke to Gideon, “Yahweh, is with thee, thou mighty man of valor” (Judges 6:12)! Farther has also spoken to us. “We are more than conquering through him that hath loved us” (Rom. 8:37). Gideon removed Israel’s sin by tearing down the altar of Baal and building a altar to Yahweh (Judges 6:25-32). In our lives, Farther promises, “If we are confessing our sins, faithful, is he and, righteous—that he should forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I Jn. 1:9). Yahweh instructed Gideon and Gideon obeyed the Word of Yahweh. “And Yahweh, turned unto him, and said—Go in this thy might, and thou shall save Israel, out of the hand of Midian,—have I not sent thee... And it came to pass, on that night, that Yahweh said unto him, Arise! go down against the camp,—for I have delivered it into thy hand. Or, if, thou, art afraid to go down, go down—thou and Purah thy young man, unto the camp; so shall thou hear what they shall say,—and, afterward, shall thy hands grow strong, and thou shall go down against the camp” (Judges 6:14, 7:9,10). Yahshua has also spoken to us and said, “ Verily, verily, I say unto you—He that believeth on me, the works which, I, am doing, he also, shall do; and, greater than these, shall he do, because, I, unto the Father, am going” (Jn. 14:12). Be stirring up the fire that is within you by feeding and acting on Yahweh’s Words. You have the spirit of Yahweh. Act accordingly.

For example: Jehoshaphat had a question that only Yahweh could answer. He asked, “ Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, besides,—that we may seek, from him” (I Kg. 22:7)? He was seeking someone that had the spirit of Yahweh. At that period of time the spirit of Yahweh was only upon prophets, some judges and some kings. Now you have the spirit of Yahweh. If there is no prophet available when someone needs to enquire of Yahweh, why don’t you stand in for the prophet and operate your holy spirit. You never know, you just might be hired on a full time bases. Rise up and serve!