

HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

CONVICTING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It's not easy to flow with the Holy Spirit when you want to flow in the anointing of God and everybody is looking at you like a vulture. Have you ever preached to a vulture before? And so when people start getting tense it is difficult to flow. You got to relax first. For that very reason sometimes when we spend time with God, He doesn't speak. Then when you have finished with God and you have a nice bath, God starts speaking to you. It is not because God is a God of the bathtub. But it is because you are so relaxed that God start to speak to you. For that very reason God wants us to rest in spirit, soul and body before His Spirit comes upon and start talking to us. Then we are at rest in Him. When the Holy Spirit has come on us then His power manifest. And this power is manifested in 3 areas. There is a power of conviction; there is a power of conviction in righteousness; and there is the power upon the works of Satan.

Turn with me to Jn. 16:8-11 *And when He comes, He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgement; of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more; of judgement, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

When the Holy Spirit comes Jesus said that He would do these 3 things. There are many things that He will do but these are the 3 areas of His work that Jesus testifies. There is the conviction of sin because of unbelief. There is a conviction of righteousness because Jesus goes to His Father in heaven and we would see Him no more. Then there is the conviction of judgement because Satan is judged.

Generally the first one is for unbelievers. The second is for believers and the third one is on Satan.

The conviction of the Holy Spirit of the sin of unbelief does not only happen to non-Christians or unbelievers. Christians are also convicted in that area because they do not live the life that they should. Not all Christians are believers. Many Christians have unbelief in their heart. As long as there is unbelief there will be conviction when the presence of God comes. They can be unbelieving believers. There can be different degrees of unbelief. Some children of God are not living in the perfect will of God when the Spirit comes they get convicted of the sin of unbelief.

There are very, very, few Christians who actually obey the Holy Spirit and are led by Him. Although the promise is to everyone, many times they have been led but they do not show forth the truth of being led by the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is not pleased with them. God the Father is not pleased with them. And for that very reason when the presence and power of the Spirit of God comes there is conviction. And if there are things in your life that are not right with God you get under conviction. And if you have not been walking right with God you get under conviction. Even if there is a small percentage of unbelief you also get under conviction.

Conviction is necessary because if there is no conviction there is no genuine repentance. Without conviction there is no realization of our fault of our sin or our shortcoming. You may live your lives in a normal and reasonably good Christian way, but one day when you are praying alone or worshipping alone, the presence of God may suddenly come into your room. Suddenly you realized you have this unforgiveness and you repented. You are not obedient to what the Holy Spirit has told you. Conviction comes. It is God's perfect will for His children to be led by the Holy Spirit all the time and to be familiar with the Holy Spirit.

That is No. 2 the conviction of righteousness. The conviction of sin or unbelief make you want to cry, makes you want to repent before God. The conviction of righteousness gives you a different feeling. You don't feel the same. It's a different manifestation of His power. Suddenly there comes upon you a holy boldness. God is so gracious from time to time He just shine a little more light on you on some dark areas in your life and then you get them right. When the conviction of the Holy Spirit of unbelief comes there is a grief that is sensed inside. It becomes easier to repent. It becomes easier to just pour your heart before God. When the Spirit of God comes and convicts you of righteousness, a holy boldness comes strongly upon you. You would do certain things, which you normally would not do when the anointing is not there.

This is what happened in Acts 4:29-31 And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness, while Thou stretchest out Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the Name of Thy holy servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God with boldness.

Boldness is the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Boldness is related to righteousness. The Psalmist says that the righteous shall be bold as a lion. When you have no righteousness you are not bold. When you are sin consciousness you are not bold. When the Spirit of God moves upon you in His conviction of righteousness He imparts boldness in your life. Unless we are conscious of our righteousness we cannot be bold. Righteousness and boldness go hand in hand. Righteousness and boldness are twins that make you like a lion when you come before Satan. When Satan roars at you, you roar back.

Supposing there comes before you 2 people who are demon possessed. And they came all the way to your house and as you open the door they are there before you. And you look into their eyes you could see the demon looking back at you. And right at that time a thought comes to you that there is some thing that you have not done. God has told you this very morning to pray. You have disobeyed and you say, "I am sorry Lord." Then suddenly these demon possessed persons have come and you feel so condemned. You are wondering how to deliver them because you don't have confidence. While at that time you feel the presence of God you say, "Please excuse me for a while. I am going to my room to pray." When you are in your room you have a private talk with the heavenly Father. When you are in the room the heavenly Father says, "Yes I know. You are going to repent. You are going to ask for forgiveness." You are just apologizing to God and repenting before God.

When there is no conviction by the Holy Spirit don't try to make it up. And suddenly the Holy Spirit moves into the room you sense a sweet aroma all around you. Suddenly the tangible boldness is imparted into your life. You feel that you could face 10 million demons. When you sensed it you quickly open the door. You come across the first one and said, "In the Name of Jesus come out." The demon screamed and left. Then you come to the other and say, "In the Name of..." and the demon leaves before you could call out the Name of Jesus. What are we talking

about? We are talking about the anointing upon that convicts you of your righteousness. It convicts you of boldness.

Verse 8-13 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

Notice verse 8 Peter healed with the Holy Spirit. Peter had the Spirit come upon him. He had been preparing his life. He had been living a spiritual life. We cannot make the Spirit come upon us by our own self. But we can become yielded for Him to come upon us anytime He wants. And that was the life Peter lived and he was ready all the time, faithful to what God wants him to do. Right at the very moment the Sanhedrin were questioning him the Spirit of God came upon him. Why must the bible repeat *Peter filled with the Holy Spirit*? In other words at that very moment the Spirit of God came upon him, He was doing what Jesus said, "And when He is come He will convict you of righteousness because I go to my Father and you will see me no more." When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will have the righteousness in you.

The word *filled* and the word *come upon* are related words. Jesus said in Acts 1 *the Spirit of God shall come upon you*. In Acts 2 verse 4 *they were filled*. And all these verses refer to the same incidence using different phrases. One using the word *filled* and the other using the word *come upon*. So we know that the words *filled* and *come upon* are interchangeable.

When the Holy Spirit came upon Peter at that time he was bold as a lion. There was something that gave him the word to speak. And he spoke them out without fear. In the natural they could be sentenced to death any time. Yet there was a boldness that came upon. We are talking about the Holy Spirit. Because people do not know Him as a person, when He comes you don't realize He has just walked into the

room. We must discern when His presence comes. And when His presence comes there is some work coming up that will be done by boldness. How does it feel like? There is a feeling of sensation when the Spirit comes upon. I know when it is on me and I know that when it is not on me. If it is not on me I cannot do anything that He wants me to do. When the anointing of boldness has come upon you, then you will be able to minister the anointing of God in your life.

In Phil. 1:11 it says that you may be filled with the fruit of righteousness. How can righteousness be fruit? If I were to put it the other way round, instead of saying *that you may be filled with the **fruit** of righteousness*, I say *that you may be filled with the **product** of righteousness; that you may be filled with the **work** of righteousness; that you may be filled with the **accomplishment** of righteousness*.

What kind of righteousness is that? It is the righteousness that comes when the Holy Spirit comes upon you then you do the work of a believer. Before you minister the anointing you must have the Spirit coming upon you in righteousness. Your right standing with God is theological. Many people know theory but in practice they don't live it. When the Holy Spirit comes, He takes what is theological and brings it into practical experience. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. And as you are standing there to minister the anointing of God you must sense the Holy Spirit coming upon you. And the key impartation is boldness. You will sense the righteousness of boldness coming upon you. Right at that very moment when you know that you are anointed then you can minister the anointing. When we are not sure of the anointing upon, then when you minister there is no result. You have to be fully assured.

Acts 14:9-10 He listened to Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet."

As Paul was speaking he saw a lame man. And as he was preaching he sensed faith, he sensed boldness. Paul said stand up and the man jumped up. When he jumped up he was healed immediately. Paul must be very sure of himself. The reason we don't see much healing is because people are not sure. This is a very deep secret. Every time when Jesus heals there was 100% confidence in boldness. Not half-half. Every miracle recorded in the book of Acts was 100% confidence. In Acts 3 When people were walking to pray, a lame man was asking for alms. Peter didn't look at him and say, "Silver and gold I do not have. I am not sure but I think I can pray for

you." That is what the average believer will do. The average believers after they have read the book on how to heal the sick, when someone comes along they say, "I think I can pray for you." Then they pray thinking that they might get some results. People are not sure of themselves. It takes boldness. Don't try to manufacture it. Don't try to tell yourself to be bold. Because if the Spirit of God doesn't come on you and you try to do that, you can't flow like an eagle.

When a person on the street reaches out to you and asks for 5 cents, you look at him and say, "Dollars and cents have I none but what I have..." and you scream at the top of your voice until everybody is looking at you and you say, "In the name of Jesus Christ get up" and you pulled that person and that person got worse than before. It is dangerous to do it without the anointing of God. So we have to be very sensitive when the anointing of God comes. But when it comes there is sweetness and there is boldness. It rises from the inside. Not your confidence but the confidence that comes from God.

Righteousness and boldness are related. Boldness and faith are related. Heb.11: 1 says *Faith is the substance of thing hope for the evidence of conviction of thing not seen.* There is a confidence in faith. So we have righteousness, boldness and faith. When the anointing comes upon you there is an impartation. And when you sense that boldness coming upon you it will lead you to do something that you normally would not do. When Peter came he was bursting with the Spirit of God and he says, "Silver and gold I have none but what I have I give unto you. "

We have watched the way evangelists move. They have to move quickly and suddenly. If they were to move slowly you may not see any miracle. You might see the working of the believers' anointing that's all. Then you ask how do we sense the presence of the Holy Spirit to work special miracles? What is it like? You have to do your homework in your private chamber. This is only a teaching but this teaching will help you. By regularly sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit in your prayer closet, you would be able to identify the same presence when He comes in your public meetings.

Normally you hear evangelists and preachers saying, "The anointing, the presence of God is here. The presence of God is there." There are so many ways the Spirit manifests His presence. There is His presence of His conviction of unbelief. There is His presence of boldness. Now through this teaching you are aware that there are

many different aspects of His presence then you can be ready. Next time your feeling comes and sense His presence check yourself. What presence is this? Which area is the Holy Spirit dealing with?

I am talking about the work of the Holy Spirit when He comes upon. There is many other dimensions of the Holy Spirit. There is a Spirit of wisdom and revelation. It comes and suddenly gives you a lot of revelations. There is a Spirit of prophecy. When He comes He gives prophesying. There is a Spirit of prayers. When He comes you just want to pray. Now each of these different aspects of the Spirit feel different, produce different results and work different work. They are different dimensions of the same Holy Spirit.

We are talking about working the work of Jesus. There are 3 main areas where the Spirit of God manifests His presence. No. 1 is the conviction of unbelief. No. 2 is the impartation of boldness. No. 3 there is conviction of righteousness.

When you minister the anointing of God you have to believe that you are anointed. The only way you can believe that you are anointed is to sense that anointing come upon you. We are not talking about exercising faith now. You can believe by faith through the believers' anointing. But before you minister the anointing you have to believe that you are anointed. And when you tangibly know that the anointing is there, it produces confidence in you. And that comes through constant practice.

No. 2 the person who is being ministered by you must also believe that you are anointed. If that person doesn't believe that you are anointed then it won't work. How people believe is that when people see results in your life then they will begin to believe more and more. So you have to start ministering somewhere. At first it might be difficult to break through but if you break through once, you break through twice then it becomes easier. You have confidence in this tangible anointing of the Holy Spirit upon you and people also have seen you they know it in your life. So people who are being ministered to must believe in the anointing is on you.

No. 3 is the time of release when the anointing comes through you. For example you are talking to me and I touch you nothing will happen. Unless there is an exceptionally strong flow then by accident it can happen. Normally if one person gets healed it makes it easier for all the other persons to get healed. The atmosphere

builds up. The reason is people's faith is being released. When they see one healed then they believe they can be healed too. So these are the principles that it takes to minister the anointing of God. If I were to call anybody to come up right now to minister to this sister, it depends on her faith in you. That is how the anointing takes place.