

Lecture 3 : Leaders Led by the Holy Spirit

People of vision are led by the Holy Spirit

► Introduction – A leader is a person anointed with the Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament, kings, high priests, and prophets were anointed with oil. The word Christ means “anointed one”. Spiritual leaders are people who are anointed with the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was baptized with water by John the Baptist, he was baptized by the Holy Spirit and heard the voice of God.

This is the model for leadership. Leaders who have a vision from heaven are people of the Holy Spirit, people who believe in the resurrection, and holy people who have a clear conscience. They are people of prayer, people with holy fire and power, and people who go into the world.

1. People filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18–19, Isaiah 61:1,2)

In citing Isaiah, Jesus spoke of his calling in three parts – “the Spirit of the Lord is on me”, “he has anointed me”, and “he has sent me”.

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (John 7:37–39).

This shows that the glory of the cross becomes apparent with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1–4)

A true leader is anointed with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

2. People who believe in the resurrection.

People who have received the Holy Spirit are people who have the fantasy of resurrection.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who

raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

The Holy Spirit is a life-giving spirit (John 6:63 – The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.) If this spirit enters us, our dying bodies become revitalized.

Ezekiel 37 talks of a miracle in which the breath of God is seen reviving dry bones into a living army of men. The vision shown to Ezekiel was one promising the Israelite nation that its hopelessness would be replaced with true hope and that the divided North and South would be reunited as one under David's eternal rule.