

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

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ZECH. 4:6

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the last of the four spring feasts fulfilled by Jesus. We are now living in the time between the last spring feast and the first Fall feast, which is the Feast of Trumpets, or the Rapture of the Church. Our mission is to harvest souls for Christ and bring as many as we can into the kingdom of God.

Divine Empowerment

This work requires more than human intelligence, political powers, or military forces. It requires spiritual power from on high and divine enablement that the Holy Spirit provides. Pentecost celebrates the coming of God's mighty Holy Spirit to empower believers to accomplish the work God wants done in the Earth.

Old Testament Anointings

1 SAM. 16:12-13 David was anointed and empowered by the Spirit to stand in the office of King. Without divine empowerment, he would've been as the shorn Samson. The anointing doesn't exempt one from challenges. **LUKE 4:14-21**. Even Jesus was anointed to do what He was sent to do. **ACTS 10:38**.

The Believer

2 COR. 1:21-22 NIV God still anoints people today and empowers them to do the work He calls them to do. **LUKE 24:49, ACTS 1:8**. Power from on high is still required to be effective witnesses for Jesus. We need the Spirit to bring conviction upon those we witness to, and to confirm the Word we preach with signs following, **MK. 16:20**.

The Purpose of Divine Empowerment LK 4:18-19

These verses describe Jesus' mission statement and highlight His ministry focus.

- Anointed to bring good news to the marginalized.
- Anointed to bring healing to the brokenhearted.
- Anointed to liberate from all forms of bondage.
- Anointed to restore physical and spiritual sight.
- Anointed to free from injustice and tyranny.

Jubilee

Jesus came to proclaim the year of God's favor. Every 50th year was a time of rest, restoration, and liberation. It was marked by:

- Debt forgiveness and liberation for all slaves.
- Property returned to its rightful owner.

- Labor was to cease for one year, for the land and people. The Jubilee represents our redemption in Christ. We are forgiven of any sin debt, liberated from slavery to sin, and we can enter the rest God provides as we cease from our works.

Conclusion: Our work as ambassadors for Christ is a supernatural work requiring power from on high. This divine empowerment is available to every believer. The question is “Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?”