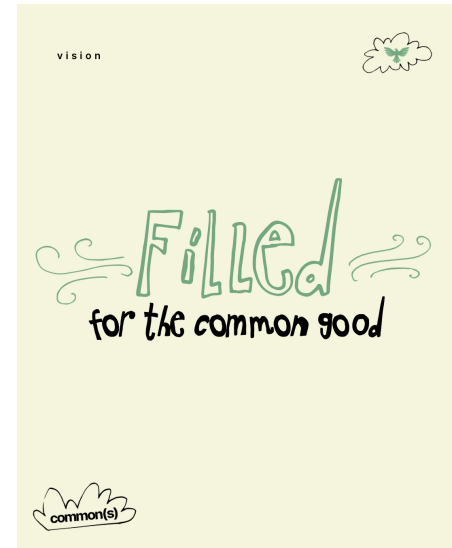


The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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| The beautiful presence of the Holy Spirit from the beginning

1. The Spirit in Creation

- Genesis 1:2 — The Spirit is “hovering over the waters,” present at the beginning, bringing order out of chaos.
 - Psalm 104:30 — The Spirit renews the face of the earth.
- ➡ Role: Life-giver, sustainer, active in creation.

2. The Spirit in Empowering Leaders

- Judges 3:10; 6:34; 14:6 — The Spirit comes upon judges like Othniel, Gideon, Samson, empowering them for specific tasks of deliverance.
 - 1 Samuel 10:6; 16:13 — The Spirit comes upon kings like Saul and David to anoint them for leadership.
- ➡ Role: Empowerment for leadership and deliverance, often temporary and task-specific.

3. The Spirit in Skill and Creativity

- Exodus 31:1–5 — Bezalel is filled with the Spirit for craftsmanship to build the Tabernacle.
- ➡ Role: Inspiring creativity, beauty, and skill for God’s purposes.

4. The Spirit in Prophecy

- Numbers 11:25–29 — The Spirit rests on the elders, enabling them to prophesy.
- Ezekiel 2:2; 11:5 — The Spirit speaks through prophets, carrying God's word to the people.

➡ Role: Communicator of God's truth, empowering prophetic witness.

5. The Spirit in Guidance & Wisdom

- Isaiah 11:2 — The promised Messiah will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord.
- Nehemiah 9:20 — The Spirit instructs Israel in the wilderness.

➡ Role: Teacher, guide, wisdom-giver.

6. The Spirit as Promise of the Future

- Joel 2:28–29 — God promises to pour out His Spirit on all people (fulfilled in Acts 2).
- Ezekiel 36:26–27; 37:14 — The Spirit will bring new hearts, new life, and restoration to God's people.

➡ Role: Future hope, pointing to the New Covenant where the Spirit will dwell permanently in all believers.

✅ Summary Thought:

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present but selective, empowering individuals for particular tasks, moments, and roles. Always pointing forward, the Spirit anticipates the day when God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh — making the gifts and power of the Spirit for the common good of the whole community (1 Cor 12).