

# Where the Spirit of the Lord Is Pt 4

*Central Question:*

*What does it look like to have the power of the Holy Ghost and the fire of God in our lives and in the church?*

## I. Opening and Scripture Readings (00:00:01 – 00:01:34)

- A. Introduction to the series and theme: “Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty” (2 Corinthians 3)
- B. Read Matthew 3:11 (John the Baptist) — promise of baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire
- C. Read Acts 1:8 — promise of power to be witnesses

## II. Recap: What the Spirit Is Not and Is (00:02:18 – 00:03:56)

- A. Clarify misconceptions (not “the Force,” not paranormal)
- B. Affirmation: The Spirit is God, equal in the Godhead
- C. Roles of the Spirit covered in the series: conviction, Christlikeness, understanding God’s will

## III. Main Theme — The Spirit That Empowers (00:04:02 – 00:09:06)

- A. Transition to empowerment focus
- B. John the Baptist’s bold call to repentance
- C. Urgent call for repentance in the church and behind the pulpit
- D. Emphasis on need for Holy Spirit boldness and power

## IV. The Metaphor of Fire — Three Properties (00:09:12 – 00:11:19)

- A. The three properties: fuel, heat, oxygen (wind)
- B. Definitions and spiritual application of each property
- C. Illustrative fire facts applied to spiritual growth

## V. The Problem: Fire Gone Out and Fake Flames (00:12:37 – 00:24:23)

- A. The fire has dimmed in many believers — embers vs. flame
- B. “Blowing smoke” metaphor — outward show without internal power
- C. Hotter flame, less smoke — pursue consuming fire
- D. Warning against replacing power with appearance or popularity

## VI. Illustrations and Stories (00:25:07 – 00:36:18)

- A. Car-story contrast: flashy outside vs. power inside
- B. Personal testimonies and healing example
- C. Great Fire of London (1666) and plague illustration applied to God’s cleansing fire

## VII. Pentecost and the Presence of All Three Properties (00:36:55 – 00:44:02)

- A. Read Acts 2:1–4 — rushing mighty wind, tongues like fire, filled with the Holy Ghost
- B. Application: apostles as fuel, gathered and in order; wind and tongues ignited them
- C. Elijah’s altar analogy — importance of order and stacking fuel correctly

## VIII. Effects of Real Fire/Power (00:44:07 – 00:46:47)

- A. Peter’s transformation from fear to bold witness
- B. Miraculous outcomes: healings, bold preaching, large conversions
- C. Corporate desire: staff, worship, and congregation operating in fire

## IX. Practical Application and How to Prepare (00:40:01 – 00:45:24)

- A. Prepare the fuel: repentance, ordering your life, sanctification
- B. Position for the breath: pray for God’s breath to fall on you and the church
- C. Seek the ignition: pursue holiness, prayer, and dependence on God
- D. Avoid substitutes: choose genuine power over appearance or popularity

## X. Invitation and Call to Commitment (00:46:47 – end)

- A. Invitation to give life to Christ and ask for Holy Spirit power
- B. Exhortation to all groups (youth, adults, staff, worship team) to seek God’s power

## XI. Key Takeaways

- A. The Spirit is God and empowers believers, not merely a force or show
- B. Spiritual fire requires fuel (prepared people), heat (ignition), and wind (Spirit’s breath)

- C. Real power changes lives, removes fear, heals, delivers, and produces bold witness
- D. Prepare, repent, and ask God to breathe so the church and individuals may be set ablaze

## XII. Questions for Reflection / Discussion

- A. Where in my life is the fire dimming or reduced to embers?
- B. What needs to be ordered, repented of, or prepared so I can be usable fuel?
- C. Am I seeking the appearance of power or the genuine presence and power of God?
- D. How will I practically seek the Spirit's breath this week?

## XIII. Scripture References Cited in the Message

- A. Matthew 3:11
- B. Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1–4
- C. Related passages and examples referenced: Elijah's altar (1 Kings 18), Peter's ministry (Acts 2, Acts 3)