

# “THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

**Text:** Zechariah 4:1-14

**Subject:** Three Trademarks Of The Spirit Upon Your Heart

## **Introduction**

(The book of Zechariah is an incredible faith lifter)

**Question:** How many of you have ever needed faith in the midst of a challenge?

(You are no different than the disciples of Jesus)

- ◆ In John 14, Jesus said, “I’m going away to prepare a place for you”, (and)
- ◆ In John 15, Jesus said, “The world will hate you and persecute you after I am gone”.

**Question:** How many of you know, those words could be a little alarming and intimidating?

- ◆ In John 16:6, Jesus said, “Because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart”.

(And Then Jesus Said:)

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is better off for you that I go away, for after I go away, I will send the comforter unto you”.

**Question:** Who is this comforter?

**Answer:** He is God the Holy Spirit!

- ◆ He possesses *intellect* (the ability to *know* – I Corinthians 2:10)
- ◆ He possesses a *will* (the ability to *direct* – I Corinthians 12:11)
- ◆ He possesses *emotion* (the ability to *feel* – Ephesians 4:30)

(And in Zechariah 4, God tells us about 3 trademarks the Holy Spirit leaves upon your heart)

**Question:** Pastor, what’s the big deal about Zechariah 4?

**Answer:** The big deal is, Zechariah 4 is relevant in your life today:

(Grasp The Setting Of Our Text)

1. Zechariah has been called to minister with Haggai.
2. Zechariah began his prophetic ministry months after Haggai did in 520 B.C.
3. Zechariah was called to write to three parties:
  - ◆ The Jews who returned from exile, (1:3)
  - ◆ To Joshua the high priest, (3:8)
  - ◆ To Zerubbabel the governor. (4:6)

**The Purpose Of Zechariah Is Two-Fold:**

- #1. To encourage the Jewish remnant to finish rebuilding the temple, (and)
- #2. To prophesy Israel’s glorious future under the coming Messiah! (Zechariah’s eight visions end in triumph: “And the Lord shall be king over all the earth”. (14:9)

**But Zechariah Needs Help:**

**Fact:** It’s now 520 B.C. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of King Darius.

**Fact:** 42,360 Jews have come home in 536 B.C.

**Fact:** These Jews are now laboring under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua.

**Fact:** And Zechariah’s ministry is sorely needed:

**Question:** What going on in Zechariah’s life?

**Answer:** A challenging situation:

(Pg. 1 of 5)

- #1. Opposition has caused the postponement of the temple's completion.
- #2. Crop failures, business depression and outside pressures surround Zechariah.
- #3. The Jews were questioning, "Will we ever see the temple project completed"?

**(And God gives a timely word for both then and now)**

**Question:** How will God's people complete what they started?

**Question:** How will God's people overcome every obstacle?

**Question:** How will God's people find new meaning and fresh perspective for tomorrow?

**(There is Only One Way – Just One)**

**Zechariah 4:6**

**"Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts"**

**Question:** What does God tell Zechariah to tell us?

**Answer:** That there is power from God to meet every challenge you face.

**(3 Trademarks God Wants To Stamp Upon Your Heart)**

**I. There Is Power From Above (Vs. 1-6)**

"Behold, I see a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top of thereof: And two olive trees by it...Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts".

**Fact:** Zechariah wonders, "How will it all get done?"

**Fact:** Zechariah gets his answer from the Lord in the vision of a candlestick:

**(In V. 2)**

- A. Zechariah sees the candlestick of gold.
- B. On top of the candlestick is a bowl.
- C. The candlestick has 7 lamps to burn.
- D. Each lamp has a pipe to supply the oil to the lamps.

**(In V. 3)**

- A. Beside the lampstand are two olive trees.
- B. These olive trees discharge the oil from their branches into the conduits (pipes) which lead to the central reservoir (the bowl).
- C. The supply of the olive oil came from a source outside of the candlestick. (The olive trees)
- D. The supply of oil was the only source of light for the candlestick.

**Zechariah asks:** "What does this illustration (vision) mean? (v. 4)

**God Answers:** "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord". (v. 6)

**Question;** What does the oil, trees, the lamp and the pipes have to do with the Lord, the Holy Spirit and you and me?

**(Just Think Of It)**

- ◆ Zechariah has a difficult challenge in front of him.
- ◆ Zechariah isn't sure if he can see it through.
- ◆ Zechariah is human, and weak and frail.

**(So God Comes Beside Him And Says)**

- ◆ "Zechariah, what looks impossible to you is possible with God"
- ◆ "Zechariah, you're going to see the project completed"

**(But Just Remember One Thing Zechariah)**

- ◆ “You can’t make it in your own strength”
- ◆ “You can’t depend on your own limitations”
- ◆ “You can’t win with your own strategy”
- ◆ “You can’t stand in your own wisdom”
- ◆ “You can’t do it Zechariah by yourself”

**(In Fact Zechariah)**

“Its not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord”

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ As the lamps in the vision are not supplied by human hands (but by the oil in the olive tree),
- ◆ So your life and energy source is not supplied from human hands...
- ◆ ...But by the power of the Holy Spirit that comes from God.

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ The Holy Spirit alone empowers us,      ◆ The Holy Spirit alone enables us,
- ◆ The Holy Spirit alone endues us,      ◆ The Holy Spirit alone equips us.

**(So Much So, That Jesus Said:)**

“Tarry in the city of Jerusalem **until** you be endued with power from on high”. (Luke 24:49)

**(And In John 7:39)**

“This spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him **should receive**”

**(Trademark #1)**

#1. There is power from above for you! (How and why does it flow to you?)

- ◆ Because you are hungry and thirsty!
- ◆ Because you are filled with desire!
- ◆ Because you are wanting to be like Jesus!
- ◆ Because you love to pray in the spirit every day of your life!
- ◆ Because you want the fire of God to burn out the dross.
- ◆ Because you want to live “spirit filled” 7 days a week.

**II. There Is Promise All Around (Vs. 7-9)**

**Question:** Why does Zechariah need a promise?

**Answer:** (V. 7) – “Who art thou, **O great mountain**? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain”

**Question:** Why do God’s people need a promise?

**Question:** Why do you need a promise?

**Answer:** Because everybody has a **mountain** at sometime!

**Question:** What does the **mountain** in (v. 7) refer to?

- Answer:**
- ◆ It refers to the obstacles hindering Zechariah.
  - ◆ It refers to the difficulties Zechariah is facing.
  - ◆ It refers to the opposition in the unseen world.
  - ◆ It refers to resistance in your spiritual life.
  - ◆ It refers to the hurdles that oppose the temples completion.
  - ◆ It refers to whatever is keeping you from your fullest potential.

**Question:** Do you have any **mountain size** burdens?

**Question:** Do you have any **mountain size** prayer requests?

**Question:** Do you have any **mountain size** joy robbers?

**Question:** What happens inside of you when the Holy Spirit is poured out in your life?

**Answer:** (V. 7) “Every mountain becomes a plain” (which means)

- ◆ Every mountain is leveled flat.
- ◆ Every mountain is brought down.
- ◆ Every mountain is subdued.
- ◆ Every mountain is brought under the dominion of the Holy Spirit.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ God promises you something by His Holy Spirit today. (What is it?)

(2 Things:)

#1. In (v. 7) – Every mountain will come down, (and)

#2. In (v. 9) – “His hands shall also finish it” (which means:)

- ◆ For Zechariah, the project was delayed a long time.
- ◆ For the Jews, the delay was causing discouragement.
- ◆ For you and me, we lose heart when we get impatient.

(So God Speaks To Us By His Spirit)

**Question:** What’s the word of the Lord to every heart that waits in prayer?

**Question:** What’s the word of the Lord to you when impatience causes frustration?

**Question:** What’s the word of the Lord when you get disappointed by unfulfilled expectations?

- ◆ (v. 9), “His hands shall also finish it”

(Which Means:)

- ◆ God will keep His promises to you!
- ◆ God will finish what He’s begun in you!
- ◆ God will fulfill what His plan is for you!
- ◆ God will complete His design for your life!

#1. There is power from above for you! (To overcome in the Christian life)

#2. There is promise all around for you! (So let faith arise as you see your mountains)

### III. There Is Praise From Within You That’s Coming (V. 10)

**Question:** Why is Zechariah 4:10 in your Bible?

**Answer:** Because, notice what was happening (v. 10) “For who had despised the day of small things?”

- ◆ God’s people were despising the work at hand.
- ◆ God’s people were looking lightly at their task.
- ◆ God’s people were comparing the present with the past.
- ◆ God’s people were grumbling where they were.
- ◆ God’s people were sulking over the half completed temple.
- ◆ God’s people were being lied to by the devil.
- ◆ God’s people were entertaining thoughts of doubt and disbelief.
- ◆ God’s people were thinking, “This will never change in my life”.

**Question:** Have you been whispered to lately?

**Question:** Has the enemy said, “This or that will never change in your life”?

**Question:** Has the joy of the Lord been stolen from your heart or home?

(What Does God Promise?)

- ◆ (V. 10), “You shall rejoice” (which means)

- #1. It's time to believe the promises of God!
- #2. It's time for the Holy Spirit to restore your joy!
- #3. It's time to lay hold of the word of faith!
- #4. It's time to get rid of the sour grapes!
- #5. It's time to rise up in praise and rejoice in the Lord and declare: "This is the day that the Lord has made, I *will* be rejoice and be glad in it".

**Question:** Pastor, how can I be sure that God by His Spirit will not pass me by?

**Answer:** (V. 10), "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout **the whole earth**".

#### (Why This Lord?)

- ◆ To meet us where we are!
- ◆ To change us where we are!
- ◆ To renew us where we are!
- ◆ To turn all despising into rejoicing!
- ◆ To reveal His Glory in answer to prayer!
- ◆ To bring about His completed plan!
- ◆ To confirm His Word within your own heart!

#### (There Is Power In The Holy Spirit)

- #1. To exchange your weakness for His strength.
- #2. To confirm His promise to you and build your faith.
- #3. To turn your sorrow into a song of praise.

**Question:** How many of you need the Lord to empower you from on high?

**Question:** How many of you need the Lord to renew your faith as you face a mountain?

**Question:** How many of you need the Lord to restore to you the joy of your salvation.

Altar Call  
Bill Kirk, Pastor