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Introduction - The 7 Fold Holy Spirit

I. What Are The Seven Spirits of God

A. There is one Holy Spirit with Seven Expressions

We always go to the first mention principle in scripture to find where any subject we are studying is first mentioned. We find the first mention of identifying by name, the “seven spirits of the Holy Spirit” in Isaiah 11:2-3.

***1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit
of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom
and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not
judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing
of His ears. Isaiah 11:1-3***

My first introduction to the 7 fold Holy Spirit was from a teaching on the Feasts Of Israel. In that teaching, there was a reference made in several passages in Revelation concerning the “seven spirits of God before the throne.”

***4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace
to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who
is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His
throne. Revelation 1:4***

John is writing to seven actual churches in the Roman Province of Asia, which are representative of all local churches in every age. Christ’s selection of “seven,” symbolizing completeness, implies that he addresses the whole church through them. Him who is and who was and who is to come. God is eternal, and in Christ he will come at the end of history to judge and save. The blessings he pronounces have their source in the triune God. The seven Spirits picture the Holy Spirit in His manifold and perfect dynamic activity.

***5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings,
and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the
throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Revelation 4:5***

Lightning's and thunderings describe the awesome and wondrous power of God. They also display the terrifying of God's glory as at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 19:16).

Seven lamps of fire represent the **seven Spirits of God**, the Holy Spirit. Revelation presents the Holy Spirit as one person (3:6, 13), but he also appears as "seven lamps (torches) of fire." The "seven lamps of fire," suggests His illuminating, purifying, and energizing ministries.

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Revelation 5:6

The Lamb's **seven horns** symbolize great power (Ps. 18:2; Dan. 7:24; Zechariah 1:18-21). His **seven eyes** identified with God's seven Spirits to express his omnipresence and omniscience from him who is from the **seven spirits** and from Jesus Christ.

The description of the Holy Spirit as "the seven Spirits of God," is distinct in the New Testament. The Spirit is working continuously in and through the church to invite those who remain outside the City of God to enter. Only by the empowering of the Spirit is the bride enabled to witness and "patiently endure."

B. Ask, Seek and Knock

In our walk with the Lord we have those times when we are reading the Word, hearing a message, or in prayer and the Lord begins to speak to our hearts. This search for me concerning the "seven spirits of God," began in the late 80's. The Lord highlighted this to me as I was listening to the teaching on "The Feasts of Israel." I asked the Lord, what are the "seven spirits of God," and why are they before your throne and on Jesus.

I didn't get an answer right away, so I began inquiring from others what they knew and understood about the "seven spirits of God," the answer was simply "I don't know." I continued to seek the Lord, according to Matthew 7:7.

7 Ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

The Lord is always faithful to bring truth to us, if we will continue to ask him. I was reading scriptures one day and came across the passage Isaiah 11:1-3. I suddenly knew these were the names of the "seven spirits of God," and yet it was describing the Holy Spirit. This passage, of course, was a prophecy about Jesus who would come one day and would have these resting upon Him.

As I was praying one day, the Lord spoke to my heart about the lampstand found in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle of Moses and in the Temple of Solomon. He simply said to me, “You are the temple of the Holy Spirit.” The lampstand in the Tabernacle of Moses and in the Temple of Solomon, is now within you. I saw a picture of the Menorah within my heart. I had been asking how does this apply to us, because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. In this moment, He told me just as I pray other scriptures over my life, I can pray the seven fold spirit of God be released in me.

C. The Seven Lamps of the Golden Lampstand

We find the description of the Golden Lampstand in Exodus 25:31-40. God gave specific instructions in how this was to be made and the materials used. The lampstand was made of pure gold, hammered out of one solid piece. Resting on a base, the central stem had six branches, three on either side, together carrying seven lamps. The lamp stand with its branches was modeled on a flowering almond tree.

31 “You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece...37 You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. 38 And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. 40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain. Exodus 25:31, 37-40

The lampstand is the second of three items in the Holy Place. The lamp provides light within the tabernacle, and the priests were instructed to keep it burning regularly. Its description in terms of cups, calyxes, and flowers shows it was a symbolic tree, recalling the tree of life in Eden. The menorah, or seven golden lamps, was across from the table of shewbread. It was a type of Christ who is our light.

In the Most Holy Place there was a mercy seat with cherubim hovering over the mercy seat. Just as the ark of the covenant was an early representation of God’s throne, the seven golden lamps were an earthly representation of the seven fold Holy Spirit. In Revelation, the seven Spirits of God (the menorah) were before the throne of God.

Just as the priest were to keep the lamps filled with oil and never let it go out, it’s the same principle of allowing the Holy Spirit to fill every area of our lives.

The only way to get the oil that keeps the lamps burning within us is in spending time with Him and yielding our will to His. We open the way for the outpouring of Holy Spirit within us, because He will not do anything against our will. We do not ever need to fear the workings of the Holy Spirit. He will never do anything to cross our will.

He is the one who makes known the Father's will to us and the reason Jesus had to return to the Father, so the Holy Spirit could come here to work within our hearts enabling us to do everything we have been called to do by the Father. It is the Holy Spirit who draws us closer to the Lord and causes the hunger in our hearts to know him more fully.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13

When we seek the Lord with our whole heart asking Him for truth and to show us by giving us wisdom and understanding of anything in His Word, He will be faithful to do that. Our part is to continue seeking, asking and knocking. He will not withhold any good thing from us. The workings of the Holy Spirit and who He is stirs a desire in our hearts to know him more.

1 Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. 3 Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at it's left." 4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." 6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4:1-6

God called on Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, to do something that looked impossible - to restore and rebuild the temple. The prophet Zechariah had seen the temple in a vision, and God gave him the blueprints for it. The first things God showed Zechariah, via the angel of the Lord, were the gold lampstand and

the two olive trees that dispensed a continual unending supply of fresh oil to feed the lamp. The meaning of the vision was to show how Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, would accomplish the overwhelming work of rebuilding the temple, by the Spirit of God. The lampstand God showed Zechariah represented the full ministry of the Holy Spirit. God wanted to assure Zerubbabel through Zechariah that the Holy Spirit would continually supply his needs for this enormous building project. He could draw on the endless supply of resources supplied by the seven-fold Spirits of God. What he saw was a never ending supply of oil.

D. Great Grace and Fresh Oil

God wants this for all of us. We've heard over and over, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord." (Romans 10:17). And we are reminded of the need to be established in present truth, the truth we now have. "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth." (II Peter 1:12) If we don't know what scripture teaches us concerning the Holy Spirit and the fullness of the Holy Spirit flowing in our lives, how can we live by the Spirit and not by our flesh.

We just studied in Romans 8 that creation itself is looking for the revealing of the Sons of God. This means looking for those who are growing in the Lord and coming into a level of maturity that we can be led by the Holy Spirit, and put away the deeds of the flesh. We need fresh fire on our hearts.

Apart from Him we can do nothing. We have to abide in the vine and when we abide in the vine, we will be able to walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We need fresh oil every day. We cannot live in last week's supply of oil or the seven flames will die. We must stay connected to Him, asking daily for the fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. We must be full of zeal with a passion to go hard after the things of the Spirit, by getting our oil.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure." John 3:34

Jesus was anointed with the Spirit without measure. The meaning of the word *Christian* translates as a "little anointed one." *Christ* means "*anointed one*," so as a Christian follower of Christ, we too are anointed with His unlimited anointing. It will be by God's grace that we, the church, will be able to have the seven spirits of God flowing in and through us. We are to be conformed to the image of Jesus and this can only happen through the power and working of the Holy Spirit.

It is the power of God, His great grace alone that will accomplish this move of the seven Spirits of God flowing through the Church.

7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” Zechariah 4:7

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth. Isaiah 40:4

In Zechariah 4:7 the mountains referred to represent giants or enemies that stand in the way of the Kingdom of God. God will see to it that every mountain will become a plain. The New Testament use of ‘mountain,’ in Matthew 21:21 and Zechariah’s obvious referring to Isaiah 40:4, makes this a future promise as well.

What the Lord is showing us here is a heavenly pattern for the Church. He tells us to die to ourselves, to come out of our own strength, and power and to live in His ability. This will release great grace to see every mountain of opposition torn down in our lives. This is God’s supernatural favor working in our lives, when what we can’t do for ourselves, He does it for us!

E. Christ’s Divine Nature

The Lord was specific that the lampstand was to be hammered from one solid piece of gold. Peter writes that we may be partakers of His divine nature.

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. II Peter 1:3-9

The tempering work of the Holy Spirit brings forth a stature of Christ in us, so that we will begin to flow with the seven-fold Spirit of God through our lives. It took a lot of hammering to mold the lampstand. We're going to have to go through some transformation too. This process involves challenges that require patience and longsuffering. But, God promises us the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and when we flow in the seven-fold flow, there will be no limitations.

As Christians, we have received the Holy Spirit of God, whose mission is to bring forth the nature of Him who has come to dwell within us. He is the one who enables us to become partakers of the seven-fold Spirit of God. Just as in the lampstand, the center is union with Jesus. It is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me.

All of the lamps: wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and knowledge and the fear of the Lord are dependent on the center lamp, Jesus. We must stay connected into the center lamp, the presence of Jesus, because our communion with Him will release fresh oil and fresh anointing and keep the seven flames burning in our lives. The lampstand was a shadow of what was to come. Through Divine union with the Holy Spirit, we become partakers of His divine nature.

God is building stability and strength in us for what He is about to do. We will need a deep work of strength in our inner man and the stature of Christ in us for the realm of glory He's about to release. We will walk in it and fulfill the destiny of God for our lives. Many Christians have been going through difficult trials, but it is just the hammering of the Lord, just like the lampstand. We are hammered from one piece of gold, that is Jesus.

The time has come that we find we don't want anything but the heart and mind of the Father. We are going through a transformation that we must embrace, if we are to walk in the fullness of the seven-fold Holy Spirit. Paul stresses this in Colossians 1:28-29.

28 "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor striving according to His working which works in me mightily." Colossians 1:28-29

If we are not yet hungry for transformation, we can simply ask the Lord to stir that desire in us. We must embrace the ministry of the Holy Spirit to allow the seven-fold flow to manifest in our lives. Paul is speaking here of the need for all to come into full maturity as sons and daughters of God. (Romans 8:18-19)

F. Seven Spirits of God Overview

The Holy Spirit wants to bring forth the mature stature of Christ in us through the *seven-fold* functions of His Spirit flowing through us. The seven Spirits of God bestow on us a perpetual flow of His manifest *presence, wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord*.

The first of the seven-fold functions of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Lord upon. This speaks of the Lord resting upon us and covering us with His Holy presence. These seven functions always come in pairs after the Spirit of the Lord upon us. Counsel pairs with might, wisdom with understanding, and knowledge of the Lord with the fear of the Lord.

The second Spirit, wisdom, is creative ability to the the impossible. It is ability beyond our own ability. It is God's thoughts and ideas in action.

The Spirit of understanding partners with wisdom to help us understand how to mobilize and implement heavenly blueprints and patterns. It is putting two and two together and making it happen. The Spirit of understanding also helps us put into words the revelation of His Word that we have been shown. We find this example in Ephesians 1:17-19. An apostolic prayer we pray and sing into often here in the House of Prayer.

The Spirit of counsel is engaging the One who is the Alpha and the Omega. It is listening for and heeding His counsel. The counsel of the Lord stands forever.

11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations. Psalm 33:11

This means that God's divine plans and purposes are eternal and unshakable. As we build by His heavenly plans, God releases fresh flows of His counsel, His thoughts, and the intents of His heart.

Counsel then releases the might of God to impart power and strength, and the anointing to see His divine plans through to fulfillment. With the might of God, we won't just look for His hand; we will look for His arm - unlimited power and strength. The prophet called Him Wonderful, Counselor, and Mighty God. We never flow in God's might or power without His wonderful counsel.

The Spirit of knowledge of the Lord brings us into that place of the deep thoughts of God. It is the place of knowing Him, not just His counsel, wisdom or understanding, but an intimate knowledge of Him. As we grow in His knowledge, peace and grace multiply as does our humility. We come to understand how great and awesome He is; His majestic splendor.

As the Spirit of knowledge increases in us and flows through us, it releases a deep and reverential fear of the Lord. Knowledge of His holiness and awareness of His sovereign majesty of who He really is brings us into a holy fear that takes us to a whole new spiritual level in Him.

Without the seven-fold Spirits of God operating in our lives, we will succumb to our natural limitations. God supplies us with supernatural ability and power to fulfill our destinies and His plans for us with unlimited resources. God will partner with us, just as He did with Zerubbabel and Moses to confound the world.

God gave Zerubbabel and Moses the full measure of the Holy Spirit and they flowed in a constant river of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and reverent fear of the Lord. God spoke those great words of encouragement to Zerubbabel through the vision he gave Zechariah, and He speaks those same words even now to the building of His living temple, the body of Christ.

We must become fully persuaded that God has pledged His Word that this temple shall be finished. Salvation is as a lamp that burns within us and the Lord will not rest or hold His peace until the brightness of the salvation lamp goes to the nations. We must grab hold of that vision and never let go. This is the work of the seven-fold flow of God, the oil of the Spirit flowing through us. We have the same unlimited measure of the Holy Spirit Jesus had.

As we go through this study, we will look at each one of the aspects of the seven-fold Holy Spirit. When we do, our faith will increase to truly believe through the workings of the Holy Spirit, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. This will only come as we continue to “abide” in Him, the source of all we need.