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### ***Session 3 - The Seven Expressions of the Holy Spirit (Counsel and Might)***

#### **I. The Spirit of Counsel - Isaiah 11:2**

##### **A. The Spirit of Counsel Defined**

The primary Hebrew word for counsel in the Bible is *etsah* or *esa*. *Etsah* refers to guidance, a planned course of action, or consultation. It comes from the verb *ya'ats*, which means to advise, deliberate, or counsel. It is used in Isaiah 9:6 to describe the Messiah as the “Wonderful Counselor.”

While often used for human advice, it’s also used for the divine, unshakeable counsel of God, *a'tsat YHWH*, as seen in Psalm 33:8-11. *Etsah* highlights the importance of wise planning and, often, the necessity of relying on divine wisdom over human wisdom/scheming.

***For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
and the government will be upon His shoulder. And  
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6***

Jesus, as the “Wonderful Counselor,” confirms to us that God’s plans and instructions are to be found in Jesus. The Spirit of Counsel means a supernatural knowledge of God’s will for our own individual lives. In other words, it’s God’s personal instructions, His directions, to help us make godly choices.

***Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of  
the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it  
came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord  
brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates  
the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands  
forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.  
Psalms 33:8-11***

To take counsel from someone means putting your trust in them, and it’s up to us to be careful with the advice we are given. Some counsel given by friends and family is great advice, but we also may regularly receive unwise counsel. The only counsel that we should consider always reliable, is the counsel given to us by the Creator who genuinely cares for His creation. As the One Eternal God who never changes, whatever counsel He gives stands firm, and always the same.

## **B. Counsel - Wise and Unwise**

There is wise and unwise counsel. God's Spirit of Counsel is wise; man's wisdom is earthly and can issue unwise counsel. The counsel of God is also the ability to comprehend whatever God reveals, whether for you personally or for those around you. The Spirit of Counsel is God's direction and instruction concerning life and daily living. He points the way and instructs us how to get there. We can have confidence that He will not withhold His counsel from us.

***Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Psalm 1:1-4***

Blessed is the word that not only begins this psalm, but in it is the essence of what is promised to those who read and meditate on all the psalms. In the Hebrew it is plural (blessings) and is equivalent to the Greek word for "blessed" or "happy" (Matt. 5:3). The influence one allows others to have determines to a large extent on one's spiritual destiny.

The "walks-stands-sits" seems to suggest a progression of influence that results from initially turning one's attention in this wrong direction. If we, as believers, can "pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17) and "thank God without ceasing" (I Thess. 2:13), then it is also possible to meditate "day and night" on God's truths. This describes a constant state of communion and fellowship with God.

Sometimes studying the Word of God can become a challenge, but when God imparts a *rhema* word to you, it becomes an encounter. *Rhema* is Greek for the word that mean "to do" or "to become." It is a specific, spoken or "quickened" word from God that directly applies to a current situation, need, or direction, often acting as a personal, timely, and active revelation.

While *logos* is the written Bible, general, eternal Word, *rhema* is when the Holy Spirit brings a specific scripture or word to life in the moment. Its purpose may offer direction, correction, encouragement, or an answer to a current challenge. It is often experienced during prayer, study, or meditation, where a verse suddenly becomes deeply personal and clear. A *rhema* word never contradicts the written Word, *logos*, but rather acts as an application of it.

### C. **Walking in His Counsel**

In the counsel of God are treasures of richness, wisdom, and understanding. This is for everyone. God wants to break open the rivers of His counsel in the life of every believer. He wants us to walk in the unlimited anointing of the Holy Spirit all the time. It wasn't just for the saints of old. This river of oil is for you, your life, your family, and your destiny.

God has predetermined His plans, purposes and destiny for us. He performs His secret will, the counsel of His will, the hidden purpose of His heart. His hand and His purpose determined our destiny. Acts 4:28.

***To do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Acts 4:28***

This brings us true peace, knowing that whatever comes our way has passed through God's hand first. However, we must learn to wait for His counsel, or we will experience leanness in our souls as the Israelites did in the wilderness. Ps. 106:13-15:

***They (the Hebrew people) soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul. Ps. 106:13-15***

The Israelites were impatient and forgot their dependence on God to fulfill their destiny and purpose. They didn't wait for His wisdom, counsel and provision. Even though God granted their request their souls became lean. Leanness of soul refers to a state of profound spiritual malnutrition, emptiness, or barrenness. It represents a condition where the inner person (soul) is starved of grace and spiritual health because of selfishness, discontentment, or unthankful, complaining behavior.

God's plans and purposes are unchangeable, and the Bible tells us we are wise to listen to His counsel and receive instruction. (Proverbs 19:20). Only God's Word stands the test of time and eternity and sustains us. All of God's purposes will be accomplished in His timing.

***Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. Proverbs 19:20***

This verse emphasizes acquiring lifelong wisdom requires humility, specifically through accepting instruction, correction, and counsel.

#### **D. Receive Wise Counsel - Examples**

In Paul's emotional and final address to the Ephesian elders, in its written form, because of a permanent word of warning and instruction to all the Gentile churches that Paul had established. Paul was exhorting them to preach the Kingdom of God as he had done. He goes on to say he had not "shunned" to declare to them the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:25-27

***And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:25-27***

Paul is speaking to the Ephesian elders, explaining that he has faithfully fulfilled his ministry, and therefore, "innocent of the blood of all." When Paul speaks of the "whole counsel of God," he's referring to the entirety of God's plan, purpose, and will, rather than picking and choosing comfortable messages. It includes preaching the Kingdom of God, the gospel of grace, and the full testimony of Jesus. He warned of false teachers that would come that would not teach the complete gospel. He was saying to them, continue in what I have taught you.

Jesus' disciples were well trained and equipped having received impartation from the best - Jesus. Every day they ministered with Jesus and learned from the One who had an unlimited anointing of Holy Spirit. In Acts 4:28, 31, we find them in one accord in one place crying out to the Lord to receive His divine counsel, in a time of desperation, and He poured it out.

***To do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done....And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:28,31***

They knew, through walking with Jesus for three and one-half years, that they could receive this divine counsel from the Father who knows all things. They knew if He revealed His plans, He would carry them out.

When God released the counsel of Heaven, a mighty river of anointing poured out upon them afresh. We can live in this same flow of the river of counsel moment by moment, day by day, hour by hour. We can build our destiny according to the wise Master Builder's plans.

## II. The Spirit of Might - Isaiah 11:2

### A. The Spirit of Might Defined

There are several words in both the Hebrew and Greek that are translated as the might or power of God. We'll look at two as we go through this in studying the Spirit of Might. The Spirit of Counsel and Might are again paired together; the counsel of God releases the Spirit of might. The might of God is the vigor and strength of God, not only in you, but also upon you to fulfill God's plan and destiny for your life.

Our inner man is strengthened in such a way that we can believe without any doubt, that we can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Phil. 4:13. We are meant to be "more than conquerors through Jesus," and not walk defeated or feeling overwhelmed. As we have been taught, when we pray the Word of God in faith believing, the Holy Spirit will work that into our minds and hearts. One of our Apostolic prayers is a powerful prayer to pray into, Ephesians 3:16-20.

***That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. Ephesians 3:16-20***

We have read, prayed and sung into this passage for many years now as an Apostolic prayer. The Greek word for might here is *dunamei* or *dunamis*, which refers to inherent, miraculous, or potential power, rather than just physical strength. In this verse, Paul prays for believers to be strengthened in their inner man by the Spirit through this divine power. It includes our ability to walk in the stature and strength of Jesus.

The verb "strengthened" is *krataioo* or *kratos* meaning to empower or strengthen. He goes on to pray that we would be filled with *all* the fullness of God! Fullness here literally means "to be filled to capacity; weighted down." As we read, study, and pray into this prayer in agreement with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we can daily live in a new realm of His glory and experience the weightiness of His Presence. That's powerful!

When Paul prayed for the Lord's strength, he first said, "that He would grant you." The word "grant" here means "to bestow a gift, or supply or furnish something that is necessary." He says, "I pray the Father would give you something according to the riches of His glory." The Father's riches are an abundance of wealth in the things of the Kingdom. Paul is saying, "I'm praying that Father God would give to you out of the abundance of His glory."

What is glory? The glory is who He is. It is the weightiness of who He is. He's saying "I'm asking the Father to give you an abundance of His weighty glory!" The word "abundance" means "continuous supply." The Holy Spirit wants us to operate out of the strength of the Lord on a continuous daily basis!

Paul is saying here, "I want you to walk in a realm where you have strength to overcome persecution, cares and concerns, and strength to minister in the anointing. Strength to walk out what He has for your life, strength to walk in your destiny, and strength to stand and say, "Now, behold, the Lord my God." He doesn't stop there.

He then says, "I want Him to do things in your life that are exceedingly abundantly above and beyond what you can even think or imagine, according to His mighty power, and that you begin to bring God glory." When Jesus rules and reigns in your inner self, you will stand strong in the things of the Lord. Paul uses *kratos* again in Ephesians 6:10 and II Corinthians 4:16.

***Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10***

***Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed (strengthened) day by day. II Corinthians 4:16***

He's saying, "Right now be strong in the Lord and in the *kratos* power of His might." As we seek Him, the Lord will release powerful dimensions of His anointing that we may walk in all He has designed for us. We do not have to rely on our own strength, but be strengthened in our inner man through the Spirit of Might. Paul encourages us here to remain hopeful as spiritual strength and renewal grow daily despite any physical decline or outward suffering.

We find both *kratos* and *dunamis* that means "might" or "power," found in Ephesians 1:19 and Colossians 1:11.

***And what is the exceeding greatness of His power (dunamis) toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power (kratos) . Ephesians 1:19***

***Strengthened with all might, (dunamis) according to His glorious power, (kratos) for all patience and long suffering with joy. Colossians 1:11***

While *kratos* means God's power ruling *within* us, *dunamis* refers to God's power upon our lives. *Dunamis* is the power that enabled Jesus and His disciples to do miracles, signs and wonders. It refers to mighty acts of power. It empowers believers (us) today to do the same as well.

The word "strengthened with all might" is *dunamis*. The phrase "according to His glorious power," the word for power is *kratos*. God's Kingdom dominion within us. So the power He gives us within by His might, enables us to walk in the anointing for mighty deeds. We need God's strength and might to rule in us inwardly so His anointing power can be released outwardly.

Paul told Timothy, "Therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." That is how we are strong, through His grace. We need to begin to recognize God's grace. Ephesians 3:7 says we are effective ministers, because we minister "according to" the grace that has been given to us.

"According to" signifies conformity, agreement or alignment with God's will. It indicates that actions, events or promises correspond directly to God's command, character, or plan. "According to" is often used to attribute a teaching, belief, or fact to the Bible itself, for example, "according to the scriptures."

This is God's will or plan for us. We can live victoriously, not beaten down, hoping to just make it through. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens (*dunamis*) me." Meaning God is empowering us to accomplish all He has called us to do. The Spirit of Might takes us from the beginning of salvation all the way through the process of maturing, in putting off the old man, walking in the new man, and walking in the fullness of Him. We do this by living in the anointing of His might.

## **B. Understanding the Spirit of Might**

As we read and study these passages of scriptures, that are well known to us, in the light of the use of both Greek words, *kratos* and *dunamis* in their application, our faith is increased. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17.

Here we come to realize what Paul was teaching applies to us today. Some of this we have already experienced and been walking in, but didn't know how to walk in it more fully. This answers the "how" and "what" questions we have all had. For instance, "How do we do the greater works that Jesus did?" John 14:12

***So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17***

***Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. John 14:12***

One of the manifestations of the Spirit of Might is boldness that releases great faith to believe for the impossible to become possible in that moment. The might of God is the very strength of God Himself.

God has unlimited strength and when we get the revelation of this, our faith increases. He wants His might to flow through us daily, not just once in a while but on a daily basis. The Lord intends for every believer to minister out of a strong anointing. Paul ministered out of the Spirit of Might. I Corinthians 2:4

***“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit of power (dunamis).”  
I Corinthians 2:4***

This is how we are to live. The Lord wants to take the good news out of the church building and into the world around us. The key is that He will not do it by our power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is His desire to invade the marketplace, the schools, the prisons, etc. He will give us the ability to see those things and the might to carry them out. Our response simply needs to be, “Ok, let it be done unto me according to what You have said (Your counsel).”

We need to say, “Lord, according to Your Word, we ask for the exceeding greatness of Your power through our lives, so we begin to see the ‘above and beyond’ in Ephesians 3:20. God wants to do for us just like He told Moses He would do regarding Israel. He promised to do something so great in their lives that the nations would marvel and say, “God is with them.”

God wants to bring increase in our lives that will make an impact on the world around us. He wants these things for the here and now, that we will marvel at how He uses us in our lives.

### **C. Summary**

God’s might is the activation process that gives us the power (ability) to carry out His will (counsel, plans, and purposes). Isaiah 46:10-11 and Psalm 18:32

***Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it' I will also do it. Isaiah 46:10-11***

***It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. Psalm 18:32***

It is through faith that we get the confidence that He will perform His will in our lives. So His might produces faith within us. The Spirit of might within us (*kratos*) is the power that enables us to put off the habits of our flesh and crucify it with its passions, and put on Christ.

The Spirit of might upon us (*dunamis*) brings the mighty acts of power; strength, miracles, signs, and wonders. We need to ask the Lord to awaken the eyes of our heart to the mighty power that is working in and through us.

The meaning of might could be put like this: the anointing, or God's valor, strength, and power through your life to be able to fulfill that which He has purposed (counsel). Remember Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by *our* might, not by *our* strength, not by *our* power, but by the Holy Spirit."

***All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and your saints shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. Psalm 145:10-13***

When we function out of the Spirit of might, we will see the dominion of the Kingdom being released through our lives in such a way that we will see the manifest power of the Kingdom. He wants a river of might to flow out of us that will release the mighty acts of God so people will see and behold the glory and power of the Kingdom. This is what the Spirit of Might is, a river of the manifest dominion of the King and His Kingdom through our lives. The impact is "As it is in Heaven so shall it be upon the earth." PTL! If we but ask, seek, and knock, we will receive in Jesus' mighty name!