

# Praying & Proclaiming with Spiritual Power

*Musings on the Holy Spirit, Prayer & the Mission of God*

Dr. Jim Shaddix

## *Food for thought...*

- Nothing concerning a preaching event is more disconcerting than the statement "But the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ there."
- God has sovereignly bound the experience of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Word.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit is not synonymous with the effects or \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

## *Our responsibilities...*

1. *Make the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ known among the \_\_\_\_\_.*  
(Genesis 12:1-3; Psalm 67:1-7; 96:1-13; 102:15-22; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 1:8-17; John 16:13-14; Acts 2:1-21; Revelation 5:7-10; 7:9-10; 11:15; cf. Isaiah 56:6-8; Joel 2:28-32)

- God ordained that His glory would be known among the nations.
- God ordained that His people would proclaim His glory among the nations in the power of His Spirit.
- God ordained that prayer would be an integral part of securing His glory among the nations.

2. **SHARE** the gospel in the **FULLNESS** of the Holy Spirit.

(John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; 2:4,16-17; 4:7-8,29-31; 9:20)

What is this *filling*?

- A work of God's \_\_\_\_\_ that enables spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to flow through one who shares the gospel
  - A divine endowment—variously described as *filling, anointing, unction & favor*—that does something other-worldly to both witness and hearer
  - A supernatural quality that \_\_\_\_\_ witnessing from all other forms of communication
  - A spiritual advantage that places God on the witness and in his testimony
- What does this *filling* look like?
    - God's Word burning as a fire in the believer's bones that must be unleashed; (*Jeremiah 20:9*)
    - God's Word burning as a fire in the believer's mouth that must be spoken; (*Jeremiah 5:14*)
    - God's Word burning in people's hearts until they align their lives with it. (*Luke 24:27,32; John 16:8-13*)
  - How do I get this *filling*? - Yielding to the Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (*Is. 63:10; Ezek. 36:22-28; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19*)

3. Give yourself to unhurried, sacrificial prayer.

(*Mark 1:21-39; Luke 11:1; John 14:12-14; 16:23-26*)

4. Recognize—and even revel in—your own human **INABILITIES**.

(*1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 31:30; Zech. 4:6; 1 Cor. 1:26-29; 2:3-5; 2 Cor. 4:7; 12:7-10*)

"It is highly unlikely that any man will ever know the Spirit's power until he is willing to confess before God, 'If You must hurt me to make me a suitable channel of Your power, then do so.'"

- Art Azurdia