

WHAT DOES GOD FILL?

God always fills structures with His presence and His glory. Structures must be constructed accurately for God to fill it. Noah's Ark was built according to God's design and He filled it with all of creation. Moses Tabernacle was built according to God's specific dimensions and God filled the Tabernacle with His presence. The temple of Solomon was built with great splendor and excellence and God filled it with His presence. We are now the tabernacle and the dwelling place of God and we need to carry the indwelling presence of God with us. We have to construct ourselves accurately so that God will have an indwelling relationship with us.

God fills us with His Holy Spirit to maintain our relationship with Him. To receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit there must first be regeneration which is receiving Jesus Christ as our Saviour. After this there is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in other tongues which adopts us into the family of God. It is this infilling by which we cry "Abba Father" as the Son's of God.

This infilling is symbolized by:

- The crossing of the Jordan
- The Holy Place in the tabernacle of Moses
- The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

There were 2 infillings of the Holy Spirit before Jesus was born.

Zacharias and Elizabeth – THE BIRTHING OF JOHN

1.) PURE PRIESTHOOD

Luke 1:5-6

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

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His division served under David (1 Chron 24v10). They were both righteous and blameless. This is a priesthood serving God honesty and integrity. They were blameless like Samuel. They were not just delivering the laws they were walking in it. The message and the messenger were one. They served God together. This ministry was defined by a pure marriage that served God together. His wife was not an unbeliever. They were after the order of an old priesthood but served God in righteousness.

2.) NO SONS

Luke 1:7

7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

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They had no one to carry their legacy forward. There is a priesthood that serves God faithfully but has no spiritual sons. The seed is entering the womb but there is no fertility. Bareness can be symbolized by no presence. If people who are receiving the word have not received the infilling of the Holy Spirit you can be talking to a barren womb. In order for the conception to take place there must be a jumping in the womb. This is a spirit to spirit connection.

3.) ONE PRAYER

Luke 1:8-10

**8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,
9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.**

10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

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In our service unto God we sometimes follow the custom of prayer. This is a ritualistic prayer. Our conversations with God become self centered. Zacharias had one prayer – “Give me a son Lord”. The multitude prays from the outside but the priesthood must pray from the inside. Incense offered on the Altar of Incense was a symbol of prayer

Ps 141:2

2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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Rev 8:3-4

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

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In his lifetime he would have this one chance to offer this incense before God.

4.) MESSENGER APPEARS

Luke 1:11

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

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Angel is a messenger of God. He is one sent by God with a direct message. He stands on the right side of the altar. Jesus is seated on the right hand of the Father and we are seated with Him in heavenly places.

ALTAR OF INCENSE (Exd 30v1-10)

- Stood in front of the veil (Exd 39v38)
- Spices of stacte, onycha and galbanum made up the Incense that was burnt on the altar
- Made of Acaia wood and overlaid with gold which represents our humanity covered with His divinity. This is our human sonship and divine sonship
- It is the only altar that appears in the Heavenly Temple

Isa 6:6-9

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'"

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The coals for the altar were taken from the brazen altar. Our lips must be touched with the coals from the altar of incense. When this takes place it determines our speech and our prayers unto God. Our sending is linked to this incense of prayer that must come before God. We are willing to go but must be led by God where to go. This altar of prayer will determine that.

- Altar is now in the Holy of Holies

Heb 9:2-4

2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,

4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

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Heb 9:3-4

3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,

4 which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

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The altar had become part of the Holiest of All because of the veil that has been torn. Jesus had offered His life as a prayer unto the Father and the veil was torn for us to enter into a dwelling relationship with the Father.

This is a timeless place. We can enter for a limited time in our imperfect state. Moses entered into timelessness for 40 days and nights to receive instruction from Jehovah. Paul said he knew a man who entered the third heaven. This type of prayer moves us into the Holiest of All where the Ark of the Covenant is.

It is from this position that the messenger is speaking to Zacharias.

5.) WOMB FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 1:12-13

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

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Luke 1:15

15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

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This prayer fills the womb with the Holy Spirit. The structure of Zacharias's life caused the womb to receive an infilling.

6.) TURNING OF HEARTS CAN ONLY COME THROUGH A SPIRIT FILLED WOMB

Luke 1:16-17

16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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The spirit of Elijah functions effectively in a womb that is filled with the Holy Spirit. We can receive sons through strategy our by the Spirit of God. Explanations and not encounters will give us sons but their hearts are not turned. When the son has a jumping in his spirit because he is filled with the Holy Spirit, because he has prayed from inside and not from the outside he will connect with a father.

We are now preparing a people for the return of the Lord. We are wrapping and clothing the Body with spices for the Body to rise in its glory. This is a third day moment but we need people to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that they will receive the spirit of the Son of God

Gal 4:6

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

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Joseph and Mary – THE BIRTHING OF JESUS

1.) CIRCLE IS VISITED

Luke 1:26

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, NKJV

Angel is sent to the city. Galilee means “circle”. Messengers come to deal with circles to make them straight. We have to come out of circles. We have been in the circle of the apostolic but not having influence and impact on any nation. God fills wombs that are willing to come out of a circle.

2.) VIRGIN

Luke 1:27

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

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Mary was virgin speaking of purity and innocence. God fills wombs that never lose their innocence. We must always remain pure and humble before God in our worship and expression before God. As virgins there is an expectancy that the bridegroom is coming and therefore we need to keep our lamps burning all the time. Virgins get chosen by the King.

Virgin – “separated, a woman living a part, living in her father’s house”. A person untouched and kept pure. God wants to fill these wombs that have no mixture. Keeping themselves for one man.

3.) COVENANT WITH JOSEPH

Luke 1:27

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She was given to a man. She was in covenant with a man. Church must be in covenant with its Pastor. In order for the infilling and indwelling presence we must be in covenant. This man is Joseph.

- He is a carpenter, skilled craftsman
- He brings “addition and increase”
- He is of the house of David which transferring the ability to rule in the midst of your enemy.

- He protects the seed until it is birthed.
- He finds his fathers house

4.) FAVOURED FOR A REASON

Luke 1:28

28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

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Favor places a demand. Joseph favor was to save a nation. Esther's favor was to deliver the Jews. Nehemiah's favor was to rebuild the city. Favor comes with demands from the Lord. God favors anything that will birth His Corporate Son on the earth. Favor is to advance the purposes of God.

We must inquire whether we are blessed among women. We are blessed to have the word of an angel.

5.) KNOW NO ONE AFTER THE FLESH

Luke 1:34

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

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Mary knew no one after the flesh. In order for a spirit to spirit connection we must know the man after the spirit

2 Cor 5:16

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

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Rom 8:1

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit .

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Gal 4:28-29

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh (Ishmael) persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

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6.) HOLY SPIRIT FILLED WOMB

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

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When we know no man after the flesh the Holy Spirit births the word in our womb. This overshadowing presence cause Elizabeth to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:41

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

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John cannot prepare the way unless He receives the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.