

What are you afraid of?

- 1. Ophidiophobia: Fear of Snakes**
- 2. Acrophobia: Fear of Heights**
- 3. Aerophobia: Fear of Flying**
- 4. Glossophobia: Fear of Public Speaking**
- 5. Nyctophobia: Fear of the Dark**
- 6. Claustrophobia: Fear of Enclosed Spaces**
- 7. Arachnophobia: Fear of Spiders**
- 8. Terrorphobia: Fear of Terror Attacks**
- 9. Autophobia: Fear of Rejection or Abandonment**
- 10. Carcinophobia: Fear of Cancer**



FORGOTTEN GOD

REDISCOVERING THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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“Whole denominations have been built around specific beliefs about the Holy Spirit. I know people who have lost jobs at churches and Christian colleges because of their beliefs about the Holy Spirit. I even had a girl break up with me while I was in seminary because we believed differently about Him! It is not one of those issues that is easy to float over. This is especially true of you belong to a particular ‘camp’ with a specific belief or bent; **it is certainly natural to fear** rejection from those in your camp if you change your views.”

Francis Chan; *Forgotten God*; p. 46

**What do you think the
disciples thought this meant?**

Exodus 31:1-5

Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and **I have filled him with the Spirit of God**, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts."

Numbers 24:1-4

Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not resort to divination as at other times, but turned his face toward the wilderness.

When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, **the Spirit of God came on him** and he spoke his message: "The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor, the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly, the prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened..."

1 Samuel 19:18-24

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²³ So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But **the Spirit of God came even on him**, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.

²⁴ He stripped off his garments, and he too prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay naked all that day and all that night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

1 Samuel 16:11-13

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered.

"He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on **the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.**

What do you think was going through their minds when the disciples were told they were going to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

**I don't think it's all that
different for us today.**

**And what we've seen
on TV doesn't help.**





“The distinctive doctrine of the Pentecostal churches is that speaking with tongues is the ‘initial evidence’ of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This article of belief is now incorporated in the official doctrinal schedules of practically all Pentecostal denominations”

Donald Gee; Now That You've Been Baptized in the Spirit; 1972

**“Speaking in tongues is always
manifested when people are
baptized in the Holy Ghost”**

Kenneth Hagin, Sr.; Concerning Spiritual Gifts; 1974

What are you afraid of?

***Excesses of Expression,
Emotionalism & Heresy!***

**What we CAN'T be afraid
of is the work of the
Holy Spirit in our lives!**

“Are you willing to pursue truth in your journey to know and be known by the Holy Spirit? Do you have enough humility to be open to the possibility that you have been wrong in your understanding of the Spirit?

It’s easy to get into ‘defensive mode,’ where you quickly disagree and turn to proof texts and learned arguments to defend what yo’ve always believed.

“Rather than guarding your perspective, consider taking a fresh look at familiar passages to make sure you haven't missed something. You may end up with the same theology you've always had, but maybe you won't. Don't let your views be determined by a particular denomination or by what you've always been told.”

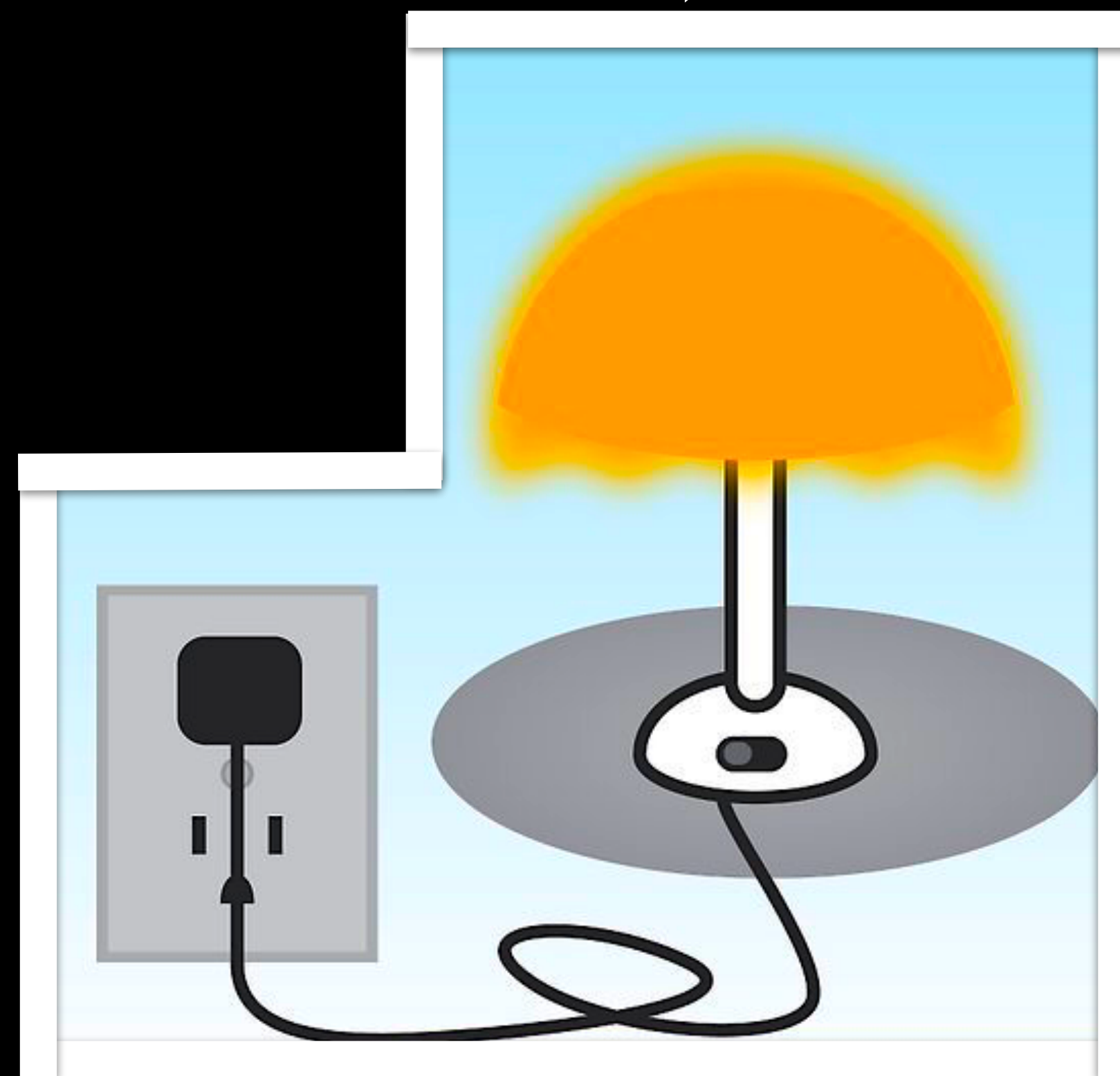
Acts 1:6-8

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**What if when Jesus said we would
do greater things than Him,
He was talking about the
way we live our lives.
The decisions we make.
The words we speak.**

What if the Holy Spirit is so powerful that He is the source in every Christ follower, no matter how different that looks.

**What if the Holy Spirit gives
me the power to decrease—
so that God can increase.**

John 16:12-14

*"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. **He will glorify me** because it is from Me that He will receive what He will make known to you."*

Isaiah 46:10

**“So do not fear for I am with
you; do not be dismayed
for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and
help you; I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.”**

