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A Spirit-Filled Heart

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Ezekiel 36:22-32

Introduction: The Edomites or Idumeans, during the **Babylonish captivity**, took possession of the mountainous parts of **Judea**, and the fortresses which commanded the country, intending to exclude the Jews if ever they should return from their captivity. The prophet therefore, by a beautiful **personification**, addresses the mountains of Israel; and, ascribing to them passions and emotions similar to those of his own breast, consoles them with the prospect of being soon rid of those usurping foes; of being freed from the dishonor of idols under which they groaned; and of flourishing again in their ancient glory under their rightful owners, Ezekiel 36:1-15. The **idolatry** and **other sins** of the **Jews** are then declared to be the **cause** of their CAPTIVITY and DISPERSION, Ezekiel 36:16-20; from which however they are **promised a deliverance** in terms of great force and beauty, vv. 21-38. This chapter contains also, under the type of the happy condition of the **Israelites after their restoration** from the **Babylonish captivity**, a glorious prophecy of the rich blessings of the Gospel dispensation. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/acc/ezekiel-36.html>)

Ezekiel 36:17-21, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they **defiled it** by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me AS the **uncleanness** of a **removed woman (personal menstruation)**. Wherefore I poured my **fury** upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their **idols** wherewith they had **polluted it**: And I **scattered** them among the **heathen**, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to **THEIR way** and according to **THEIR doings** I **judged** them. And when **they** entered unto the **heathen (Gentile)**, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land. But I had **PITY** for mine **holy name (honor [respect, authority, character [good qualities]])**, which the house of Israel had **profaned (STAIN [to SOIL; to tarnish])** among the **heathen**, whither they went.

Thought 1. Here, it was NOT that ALL of the people had sinned. But, enough of them had sinned so that it was necessary to punish the nation, as a WHOLE. Those who had been doing GOOD suffered in a MILD manner compared to those that suffered death and other consequences for their sin. In the land where they lived, God gave FAVOR to the ones that had done GOOD, and NOT sinned. This included Daniel, Hananiah called Shadrach, Mishael called Meshach and Azariah called Abednego. Daniel 1:1-9.

And since the Gentile nations in whose land Israel found themselves didn't really know what they should about the punishment being executed, Yahweh's name (honor, authority, and character) was soiled. Now, they really believed him to be INFERIOR to their gods!

There are some Christians who forget, or have NOT learned that, even today under the New covenant, our God, Yahweh, is a righteous Judge. He WILL still REWARD people according to their ways and their doings. In other words, **we REAP what we SOW!**

Galatians 6:7 This was the case with Israel as a nation. In their Covenant with the Lord (Yahweh) there were warnings that IF they sinned, they would be punished by being taken into captivity into other countries, etc.. (Deuteronomy 28:63-67; 29:24-28)

Deuteronomy 28:15-16, 25, 64, But it shall come to pass, **IF** thou wilt **NOT hearken** unto the voice of the Lord (Yahweh) thy God, to observe to DO all HIS commandments and HIS statutes which I command thee this day; that ALL these **CURSES** shall come **UPON** thee, and **OVERTAKE thee: CURSED** shalt thou be in the city, and **cursed** shalt thou be in the field.

...The Lord (Yahweh) shall cause thee to be smitten before thine **enemies**: thou shalt go out **ONE** way against them, and flee **SEVEN** ways before them...

... And the LORD shall **SCATTER thee among all people**, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Ezekiel 36:22, Therefore say unto the **house of Israel**, Thus saith the Lord God; I do NOT this for **your sakes**, O house of Israel, but for MINE **holy (perfectly PURE) name's sake**, which ye have **profaned (stain [SOIL])** among the heathen, whither ye went.

NOTE: but for my holy name's sake...; for the honour of his holy name, for the glory of his holy word, holy worship, and holy religion; all which were traduced (misrepresented) and reproached (disgraced) among the Heathen, by reason of the **ungodly BEHAVIOUR** of the **Jews**. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/ezekiel-36.html>)

Ezekiel 36:23-24, And I will **SANCTIFY** my **great name**, which was **profaned (SOIL)** among the heathen, which ye have profaned SOIL) in the midst of them; and the heathen shall KNOW that I am **the Lord (the self-Existent or Eternal)**, saith the Lord God, when I shall be **SANCTIFIED** in YOU before their eyes. For I will take you **FROM among the heathen**, and gather you **out of all countries**, and **will bring you INTO** your own land.

Sanctify/ Sanctified defined 6942, make as CLEAN.

NOTE: ...the Heathen shall know that I am the Lord, when the Lord shall fulfil his promises, and DELIVER his people; when he shall sanctify, justify, and save them; and he shall be sanctified, served, and worshipped by them, and among them: it will be taken notice of by infidels themselves; and they shall hereby **KNOW**, and be obliged to acknowledge, that the God of Israel is the only Lord (Supreme Being) God; that he is **true** and **FAITHFUL to his word**, **righteous** and **holy**, in his ways, the Lord (Supreme Being) God omniscient (infinitely knowing) and omnipotent (Almighty; all powerful). **and will bring you into your own land**; into the **land of Canaan** literally understood, as well as INTO the **church of God** here, and into the **heavenly country** hereafter, of which **Canaan** was a type (sign; a SYMBOL).

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/ezekiel-36.html>)

Thought 1. The spiritual principle is this, when anybody hears ABOUT or SEES the great things that the Lord (Yahweh) has done, and is doing, and meditates on what they've heard, they get understanding, which produces REVERENCE for him. Their reverence for him in their hearts, produces FAITH IN him. This is what happened when God first revealed himself to Israel on Mt Sinai and in the heart of Rahab the prostitute when she HEARD ABOUT the things Yahweh had done, and was DOING.

Joshua 2:8-11, And before they were laid down, she (*Rahab*) came up unto them upon the **roof** ...said unto the men, **I KNOW** that the Lord hath given you the land ...that your **terror** is fallen upon us, and that **all the inhabitants** of the land **faint** because of you. For we have **HEARD** how the Lord dried up the water of the

Red sea for you, when ye came out of **Egypt**; (*40 years ago*) and what ye did unto the **two kings** of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, (Num. 21:21-35) whom ye utterly destroyed. (*about 1 year ago*) And as soon as we had **heard** these things, our **hearts** did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the **Lord your God** ...is **God** in heaven **above** ...in earth... *Source: Reese Chronological Bible*

Proverbs 14:26, In the **fear (reverence)** of the Lord (Yahweh) is strong confidence...

Romans 10:17 ...**FAITH** cometh by **HEARING**, and hearing by the word **OF** God.

Hearing defined 189, hearing (the sense (discernment: **understanding**) **or the thing heard):** **FAME** (report OF (FROM, ABOUT) great ACTIONS).

Thought 2. Rom. 10:17, So then **FAITH** cometh by **REPORT** of great actions, understanding, and understanding by the word **FROM** or **ABOUT** God.

Ezekiel 36:25, Then will I **sprinkle** (*disperse*) **clean WATER** upon you, and ye shall **be clean**: from **ALL your filthiness**, and from all your idols, will I **CLEANSE you**.

NOTE: Then - At the time of this great restoration - will I sprinkle clean water upon you - the truly cleansing water; the **influences** of the **Holy Spirit** typified (symbolized) by **water**, whose property it is to cleanse, whiten, purify, refresh, render healthy and fruitful.

From all your filthiness - From every sort of external and internal abomination and pollution. (*Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/acc/ezekiel-36.html>*)

Ezekiel 36:26, A new **HEART** also will I give you, and a new **SPIRIT** will I put within you: and I will take away the **stony heart** of your **flesh (body)**, and I will **give you an heart of FLESH**.

Heart defined 3820, feelings, the WILL and even the intellect (understanding), **MIND**.

Spirit defined 7307, spirit (1. renewed [regenerated: BORN AGAIN] **NATURE** of man).

Flesh defined 1320, flesh (a compound substance forming a large part of an animal, consisting of the **SOFTER** solids, as distinguished from the **BONES** and the fluids.).

NOTE: God will work an inward change in order to a universal change. Note, All that have an interest in the **NEW Covenant**, and a title to the **new Jerusalem**, have a **new heart** and a **new spirit**, and these are necessary in order to their walking in **NEWNESS of LIFE**. This is that **divine NATURE** which **believers** are by the promises made partakers of.

2 Peter 1:2-4, Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath **GIVEN** unto us **ALL things** that **pertain** unto **LIFE** and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to **GLORY** and **VIRTUE**: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers** of the **DIVINE** (pertaining to the true God) **NATURE**...

3. That, instead of a heart of stone, insensible and inflexible, unapt to receive any divine impressions and to return any devout affections, God would give a heart of flesh, a **SOFT** and **TENDER heart**, that has spiritual senses exercised, conscious to itself of spiritual pains and pleasures, and complying in every thing with the **WILL of God**. Note, **Renewing grace** works as great a change in the soul as the turning of a dead **STONE** into living flesh. **4.** That since, besides our inclination (leaning or tendency of the mind, feelings, preferences, or will) to **SIN**, we complain of an **inability to do our duty**, God will cause them to walk in his statutes, will **NOT** only show them the way of his statutes before them, but **incline them to walk in it**, and thoroughly furnish them with **WISDOM** and **WILL**, and **ACTIVE POWERS**, for every good **WORK**.

In **order** (regularity; settled mode of operation) to this he will **put HIS Spirit within them**, as a teacher, guide, and sanctifier.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/ezekiel-36.html>)

Thought 1. We were **BORN sinners** because of Adam's sin. So, "ALL have sinned."

Romans 3:23, For **ALL have SINNED**, and **come short** of the **GLORY of God...**

Romans 5:12-14, 18-19, Wherefore, as by ONE man SIN entered into the world, and **DEATH** by **sin**; and so **DEATH** **passed upon ALL men**, **for THAT ALL have sinned**: (For until the law sin was IN the world: but sin is NOT imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless **DEATH** **reigned** from Adam to Moses, **even over them** that **had NOT sinned** after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

...Therefore as by the **offence** of ONE (*Adam*) **judgment** came upon **ALL men** to **condemnation**; even so by the righteousness of ONE (*Jesus*) the FREE GIFT came upon ALL men unto justification of life. For as by **ONE** man's **disobedience** MANY were **MADE sinners**, so by the **obedience** of **one** shall **MANY** be **MADE righteous**.

Romans 7:4-5, Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become **DEAD to the LAW** by the body of Christ; that ye should be **MARRIED** to another, *even* to him who is raised from the DEAD, that we should bring forth **FRUIT** unto God.

For **WHEN** we **WERE IN the FLESH**, the motions of **sins**, which were by **the LAW**, did **work** in our members to bring forth **FRUIT** unto **DEATH**.

Thought 2. Notice that Chapter 7 is speaking about when they **WERE** in the flesh. This means NOT born again. Further down, Paul makes plain this truth.

Romans 7:7-8, What shall we say then? **Is the LAW sin?** God forbid. Nay, I had NOT known SIN, but by **the LAW**: for I had NOT known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the **commandment**, wrought **IN me** all manner of **concupiscence (DESIRE)**.

Thought 3. Again, Paul is speaking of how it was BEFORE he was born again.

Romans 7:14, For we know that the is spiritual: but I am **carnal (unregenerate** [NOT regenerated { BORN anew; become Christian}], **SOLD under SIN**.

Thought 4. Because of faith IN Jesus, at the time of this letter, Paul knew Jesus' BLOOD had "PAID the PRICE" to **REDEEM** him and us OUT of sin. He continues, in chapter 7, to speak of how it was before he was born again.

Romans 7:15-17, For that which **I DO I allow (understand)** NOT: for what I **would (desire)**, that **DO I NOT**; but what I HATE, that DO I. If then **I DO** that which I **would (desire)** NOT, I consent unto the LAW that it is good. Now then it is no more I that DO IT, but **SIN** that **dwelleth IN ME**.

Thought 5. Being born again on the Damascus road CHANGED everything!

Romans 8:1-9, There is therefore **NOW NO condemnation** to them which are **IN** Christ Jesus, who **walk (LIVE)** NOT **after (together [in UNION with])** the **FLESH**, but **after (together [in UNION with])** the Spirit.

For the **LAW** of the **Spirit of LIFE** **IN** Christ Jesus hath **made me FREE** from **the LAW** of SIN and DEATH. For what the law could NOT do, in that it was **weak** through the **flesh (HUMAN NATURE)**, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the **righteousness of the law** might be **FULFILLED** in us, who **walk (LIVE)** NOT **after (together [in UNION**

with]), the **flesh (human nature)**, but **after (together [in UNION with])** the Spirit. For they that ARE **after (together [in UNION with])**, the **FLESH** do **mind (set the affection on)** the things of the **FLESH (humans nature)**; but they that are **after (together [in UNION with])**, the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

For to be **carnally minded** is **DEATH**; but to be **spiritually minded** is **LIFE** and **PEACE**. Because the **carnal (human nature)** mind is **enmity (hostility)** against God: for it is NOT SUBJECT to the LAW of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are **IN** the FLESH cannot please God. But **YE** are **NOT IN the FLESH** but **IN the Spirit**, if so be that the **SPIRIT of God dwell IN you**.

Thought 6. Everything we've seen says Christians do NOT have the OLD nature, called the FLESH. Scripture says, God REMOVED our old nature when we believed on Jesus! More proof of this truth is seen in what Yahweh revealed to Peter about people who have been washed by "CLEAN WATER." Yahweh WASHED us VERY thoroughly! He left NONE of the "FILTH of FLESH" in us! Therefore, we are no longer AS filthy rags!

Acts 10:13-16 ... there came a **voice** to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat**. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have **never** eaten any thing that is **common (ceremonially profane (not pure))** or **UNCLEAN**. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, **What God hath CLEANSED, THAT** call **NOT** thou **common (UNCLEAN)**. This was done thrice...

Ezekiel 36:27, And I will put **MY spirit within you**, and **cause you to WALK** in my statutes, and ye shall **KEEP** my judgments, and **DO them**.

Thought 1. By FAITH in God's word is how Jesus lived holy BEFORE he was filled! Being BORN also of God's Spirit, we have the ability to LIVE right: overcoming the temptations of the world by FAITH in God's word as his Spirit TEACHES us and we GROW UP.

1 John 5:4, For **whatsoever** is **BORN of God** **overcometh** the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our FAITH. (*NOT being filled by the Spirit*)

Philippians 2:12-13, Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always **OBEYED**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **FEAR (REVERENCE)** and trembling. For it is **God** which **worketh IN you** BOTH to **will (DESIRE)** and to **DO** of HIS good pleasure.

Thought 2. Next, Yahweh's Spirit FILLS people for WORK. Jesus (Yahshua) was FILLED by the Spirit at about age thirty. This supplied the POWER necessary for WORK as the Messiah. Luke 3:22-23 This is the second experience with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:22-23, And the **Holy Ghost** descended in a bodily shape like a dove **upon him**, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about **thirty years of age**...

Luke 4:17-18, And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The SPIRIT of the Lord is **UPON me**, because **HE** hath **ANOINTED me** to **PREACH** the **gospel** to the poor...

Thought 3. After he rose from the dead, he told the apostles they'd receive power after that the Holy Spirit came UPON them. But, first they would be WASHED by the Spirit.

Acts 1:5, For John truly **baptized** with **WATER** BUT ye shall be **baptized (WASH)** WITH the **Holy Ghost** NOT many days hence (*from this time*).

Ephesians 4:4-5, There IS one body, and one Spirit... ..One Lord, one faith, **ONE baptism** (great sanctification [act of making holy {PURE: CLEAN in heart}]...)

Acts 1:8, But ye shall receive **POWER (force, miraculous power, strength)**, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come **UPON** you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem... in all Judaea... in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the **earth**.

Acts 2:4, And they were all **FILLED** with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them **utterance (utterance [articulation])**.

Filled defined 4130, to influence (a flowing forth of spiritual STRENGTH or ENERGY, active POWER).

Thought 4. Three days after being BORN AGAIN, Saul was FILLED by the Spirit for work.

Acts 9:17, And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and **putting his** hands on him said, **Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus**, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and **be FILLED** with the **Holy Ghost**.

Ezekiel 36:28-30, And ye shall **dwell in the LAND** that I **gave** to your fathers; and ye shall be MY people, and I will be **YOUR God**. I will also **save** you from **ALL your uncleannesses**: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the **increase** of the field, that ye shall receive no more **reproach (DISGRACE, SHAME) of famine** among the heathen.

NOTE: ... **dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers**,.... Not only shall be brought into it, but shall inhabit it, and continue there, and that in great safety and plenty; and which will be the more valued and esteemed, and reckoned a great **blessing to enjoy**; because this land is the GIFT of God, and what he gave to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, **by PROMISE** so long ago, and to **their seed**; of which promise it appears he is NOT unmindful:

and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God; which is the sum and substance of the COVENANT of GRACE; which will now be renewed, and the blessings of it applied. The Jews will appear to be the people of God by their effectual calling and conversion; and God will show himself to be their God, by his presence with them, his protection of them... (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/geb/ezekiel-36.html>)

Revelation 21:3, And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell WITH them, and they shall be **HIS people**, and God himself shall be with them, and **BE their God**.

Ezekiel 36:31, Then shall ye **remember** your OWN **evil** ways, and your **doings** that were NOT good, and shall **lothe (detest [HATE extremely, feel extreme disgust at])** yourselves in your **own sight** for your iniquities and for your abominations.

NOTE: **Then shall ye remember your own evil ways**,.... That were of their own choosing; in which they walked, and delighted to walk: and very evil ones they were; opposite to the ways of God; such as open violation of the law of God; neglect of his worship; idolatry, and many other sins, before the captivity; adhering to the traditions of their elders; and setting up their own righteousness as a justifying one afterwards; also their **DISBELIEF** and **rejection of the Messiah**; their blasphemy against him, and **persecution** of his interest and people... (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/geb/ezekiel-36.html>)

Ezekiel 36:32, NOT for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be **ashamed and confounded** for your **OWN ways**, O house of Israel.

NOTE: **Not for your sakes do I this** ...no, it purely flowed from his own unmerited grace and goodness; for his own sake, and for his own glory, will he do it; see Deuteronomy 9:4... (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/geb/ezekiel-36.html>)