

Last Sunday - Generator Illustration:

Dealt with: Connecting to the power source.

The power source is the Father.

The power is flowing from him continually.

The way of connection is through Jesus.

That way is already established

The connection is made by the Holy Spirit.

Allowing him to operate in our life.

The amount we allow the Holy Spirit to operate in our life will directly affect the power level of the Spirit in us.

- How free is he to operate in us?
- How well are we connected?

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

[20] 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.

To me the information on the Spirit breaks down into 3 categories:

- #1 Introduction to the Spirit (Gospels)
- #2 The Spirit in Action (Acts)
- #3 The Spirit in Action and Explained (Remainder of N.T.)

The Holy Spirit operates in 2 basic ways with us:

- 1) In Us.
- 2) Through Us.

John 1:29-34 (NKJV)

[29] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! [30] "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

[31] "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." [32] And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

[33] "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34] "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Matthew 3:11-12 (NIV)

[11] "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

[12] His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
(Luke 3:16-17 (NIV))

The types of v. 12.

- 1. Winnowing Fork: The Holy Spirit.
- 2. Threshing Floor: Our Life on this Earth.
- 3. The Wheat & Chaff: Is Us. (spirit / soul / body)
- 4. Unquenchable Fire: The Holy Spirit's purifying work in us.

Harvesting is a 5-step:

- 1. Cut the grain down
- 2. Thresh the grain
- 3. Winnow the Grain
- 4. Gather and Store the Grain for future use
- 5. Burn the Chaff
- > Jesus refers to only the last 4 steps.







The reason for the Threshing is:

Separate the grain from the chaff so the grain is usable.

Separate our spirit man from the old nature.

(#1) The Grain is beat / walked on / driven over to separate it from the chaff.

Luke 20:17-18 (NKJV)

[17] Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone"? [18] "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

In this process, via the Spirit - Jesus removes the seed from the chaff.

- > The seed represents our spirit / soul man.
- > The chaff represents the fleshly desires / old nature.

This separates the real us (spirit) from the influence of our old nature on our thinking / decision making / etc.

(#2) The Winnowing.

- > After, or along with the threshing,
- > The Holy Spirit leads us into situations where we're taken out of being in control of everything in our life.
- > Then he breathes / blows on us to separate the flesh / old nature away.

(#3) The Grain is gathered and stored for future use.

(#4) Then the chaff is burned up / killing the Old Nature / Fleshly Desires.

There are the 2 primary purposes for the Grain:

- a. Feed others.
- b. Plant it, so it reproduces itself to feed others.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. [2] As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Leviticus 9:23-10:10 (AMP)

[23] Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord [the Shekinah cloud] appeared to all the people [as promised]. [Lev 9:6.]

[24] Then there came a fire out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

[1] AND NADAB and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and offered strange and unholy fire before the Lord, as He had not commanded them.[2] And there came forth fire from before the Lord and killed them, and they died before the Lord.

[3] Then Moses said to Aaron, This is what the Lord meant when He said, I [and My will, not their own] will be acknowledged as hallowed by those who come near Me, and before all the people I will be honored. And Aaron said nothing. [4] Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Uzziel uncle of Aaron, and said to them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

[5] So they drew near and carried them in their undertunics [stripped of their priestly vestments] out of the camp, as Moses had said.

[6] And Moses said to Aaron and Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons [the father and brothers of the two priests whom God had slain for offering false fire], Do not uncover your heads or let your hair go loose or tear your clothes, lest you die [also] and lest God's wrath should come upon all the congregation;

but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord has kindled. [7] And you shall not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting, lest you die, for the Lord's anointing oil is upon you. And they did according to Moses 'word.

[8] And the Lord said to Aaron, [9] Do not drink wine or strong drink, you or your sons, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; it shall be a statute forever in all your generations.

[10] You shall make a distinction and recognize a difference between the holy and the common or unholy, and between the unclean and the clean;