

Exodus 25:31-40
What Does a Holy Spirit Filled Person Look Like?
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. What Does a Holy Spirit Filled Person Look Like?

Acts 6:3

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, **full of the Spirit** and of wisdom...

II. The Lampstand: Understanding the Picture(s)

- A. Almond Blossoms (Tree of Life; God's Watchful Presence)
- B. Seven Lamps: Continuous Bright **Light**
 - 1. Truth...Way
 - 2. Merciful, Fiery, Life-giving Presence
 - 3. All these images are fulfilled in Jesus

John 8:12, 31–32

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**I am the light** of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will **have the light of life.**” ...

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples,
³² and you will **know the truth**, and **the truth will set you free.**”

III. The Light, Truth, and Life of the Holy Spirit

- A. God's Fiery-Presence of the **Holy Spirit**

Isaiah 63:10–12

¹⁰ But [Israel] rebelled and grieved his [God's] **Holy Spirit**; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who *put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit*, ¹² who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who

divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name...

John 16:7, 13–15

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, ***I will send him to you.*** ...

¹³ When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will ***guide you into all the truth***, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Acts 2:2–4

² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And ***divided tongues as of fire*** appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴ And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and *began to speak in other tongues* as the Spirit gave them utterance.

B. We are God's Lampstand(s)

Key Idea

By the power of God in us, we reflect the bright light & life that Jesus provides to illuminate this dark world.

a. The seven Spirits of God

Revelation 1:4

⁴ John **to the seven churches** that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the ***seven spirits*** who are before his throne...

Revelation 4:5

⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning **seven torches** of fire, *which are the seven spirits of God...*

Revelation 5:6

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with **seven eyes**, *which are the seven spirits of God* sent out into all the earth.

b. The seven lampstands

Revelation 1:12–13a, 20b

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw ***seven golden lampstands***,
¹³ and in the midst of the **lampstands** one like a **son of man**...

...the *seven lampstands* are the *seven churches*.

C. What Does a Light-Filled/Holy Spirit Filled Person Look Like?

Matthew 5:14–16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people *light a lamp* and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, *let your light shine before others*, so that they may see your good works and **give glory to your Father** who is in heaven.

- John the Baptist (Luke 1:15)
- John’s Mother Elizabeth (Luke 1:41–45)
- John’s father Zechariah (Luke 1:67)
- Pentecost (Acts 2:4; sermon outline p. 2)
- Peter (Acts 4:8 – Rulers in Jerusalem/healing crippled man)
- Saul/Paul (Acts 9:17; Acts 13:9–10ff)

Acts 4:31 (The Church – Persecution)

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all *filled with the Holy Spirit* and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

(Cf. Matt. 12:34; Lk. 6:45)

Ephesians 5:15–20 (Cf. Philippians 2:14–16)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but *be filled with the Spirit*, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

IV. Do You Know God?

Luke 11:13 (Cf. Acts 8:18–22)

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to *those who ask him!*”