

The Role Of The Holy Spirit In This Day Of Our Open Heaven

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Gbile Akanni teaches that the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live victorious, Spirit-led lives and fulfill God's purpose in this era of open heaven.

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Description

In this powerful teaching, Gbile Akanni explores the vital role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers during this era of open heaven. Drawing from scripture, he highlights Jesus' example of receiving and testing the Spirit's power, emphasizing the necessity of genuine anointing and holy living. The sermon calls believers to embrace the Spirit's empowerment to overcome temptation, fulfill God's purpose, and restore the church's influence in the world.

Transcript

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Thank you for this privilege. Thank you because of this time. Thank you because of what you are doing in our days.

Holy Spirit, it is time for you to move and to set the whole globe, the whole earth on fire. For the Lord Jesus to be seen, to be heard, to be known. Hide myself behind the cross.

That this ministration of this hour shall not be of letters, because letter kills. But by the Spirit of Almighty God, you will inscribe your Word in the tablets of our hearts. Thank you, Almighty Father, as we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen. We, by the grace of God, are looking at the topic, once again, the role of Holy Spirit in this day of our open heaven. I want us to open our Bible to the book of Acts of Apostles, chapter 1, verse 8. But ye shall receive power, after that the only ghost is come upon you.

And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utmost part of the earth. We are seeing this written in the Bible in red letters, which means it is the authority of God that he presented unto us. That we shall receive power when Holy Ghost, when Holy Spirit come upon us.

And then we can be correct witnesses all over the world. So the power we are talking about is the power of God. The power that the Spirit of God energize and enable a man to use to witness Jesus wherever he find himself.

Power is the rate of doing work. The rate at which someone expend the energy is called power. And there are different powers that people use even on the altar today.

People try to get power from the power of darkness. People use the energy of save life. But God expect that his work be done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And this is what the Lord present to us. That we shall receive power when Holy Spirit come upon us. I want us to see Jesus, our perfect example that heaven presented to us.

Even while he was here on earth. He did not lower the shekel of the sanctuary when he come to successful ministry. He realized that the energy of self we feel.

It is the power of Almighty God that can make a man to be effective. To be able to become acceptable to God even in whatever God will want him or her to do. And when you look at the scripture.

You will discover that Jesus himself by the grace of God in the book of Matthew chapter 3. Look at verse 16, it says. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straight out of the water, and lo, the heavens were opened unto him. And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him.

And lo, a voice from heaven saying, this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Even our Lord Jesus Christ, he went out of Judea, went out of Jerusalem to the wilderness to be baptized by John the Baptist. And the Bible says, when Jesus was being baptized, he was praying.

And the heavens opened over his head. Several of the servants of God that God has been using, our brothers, our sisters, right from the past three days. They have been confessing this.

That even Jesus, heaven opened over his head. But we saw that it was not just open heaven. The Spirit of God came upon Jesus.

And of course, when the Spirit of God came upon you, where did you go? We saw that the Spirit of God directed Jesus in chapter 4 of Matthew. Because the Holy Spirit came upon him. God, by his Spirit, led Jesus into the wilderness.

The Bible said that Jesus was led out of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Many of us, once the power came upon us, we quickly want to go and use. And untested power sometimes fail when we find ourselves in the place of walking.

For Jesus, the power that is not tested cannot be acceptable by God for any use. And that was why God has to lead him to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And of course, devil brought three questions.

Answer all. First, in the area of food. Second, in the area of fame.

And probably the other one, in the power of prosperity. But what we notice here, the Bible made us to understand when you check it from the book of Luke. Luke chapter 4 verse 13.

And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. And there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Please note this. That when Holy Spirit come upon a man, he attracts you to the devil's challenge. Because devil will not want anything about God.

Especially in this end time to operate. He will want to oppose, he will want to stop anything that is godly. And we saw how he brought three questions to Jesus.

And Jesus passed all the three. And when devil could no longer have any allegation against him. Bible say he left him for a while.

Jesus said, the prince of this world came unto me. But he find nothing in me. And you will discover that several of us that are failing on our pulpit.

It came simply because the remnant of self lie. When devil come to test us, he still find it in us. I pray as God is opening heaven over our life.

God we make everyone of us to present ourselves before God. That we will be totally purged of self lie. That it will become acceptable unto God.

And the power of God will freely flow through our mortal bodies. To glorify Jesus alone, not for our own bread that we are seeking. In the name of Jesus.

Look at this passage. Luke chapter 4. You will discover that it was when Jesus was baptized with Holy Spirit. That in that verse 15 I'll say, and he taught in their synagogue.

Being glorified of all. When Holy Spirit has come upon him. I want you to note that.

That he went to the wilderness to be tempted. And when he succeeded. It was then God introduced him even to the world.

In Matthew chapter 3 verse 17. When Holy Spirit came. He said this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

And God stopped there. Because God will not speak beyond the level that a man has reached with him. And even the Lord Jesus when he was physically here on earth.

God will not introduce him yet in chapter 3. But when you go to chapter 17 verse 5. When he had been tested. When he had been tempted. When he had passed all the exams.

God realized the anointing. This is a genuine anointing. And God now introduced him again to the disciples.

That were with him on the month of Transfiguration. He said this is my beloved son. In whom I am well pleased.

Jesus did not go to print invitation card. Or business card. That even we men of God are doing today.

If you want to do deliverance. If you want to have seminar. If you want to have a full year crusade.

Invite us. The trial will convince you. Jesus did not need that.

And I thank God even for Peace House. Why we raise men. Even in village.

That we don't even give them a certificate. Like business men of the world. We believe that the power of God.

When you come into a life. Because through the word of God. Because the word of God is God comprehensive equipment.

To transform life. And we have been seeing it coming to pass. Since all the elders.

By the grace of God has shown us his way. And we thank God that by his grace. We will continue even to the day of the Lord.

In the name of Jesus. So, Jesus. We saw.

That with genuine anointing. The devil has nothing against you. When he came to you.

Did he not find anything concerning womanizing? When he came against you to test. Did he not find you embezzling the money from the church purse? Did he not know when you wrote I owe you. To collect money from the person that keep the church money.

These are the things that brought failure to us in ministry. For I am praying as heaven is open. And the power of God is coming again powerfully.

Will we emerge with genuine anointing of Holy Spirit. As Jesus even said. If you read this passage very well.

You will see. From this Luke chapter 4. He said. Verse 17.

And there was delivered unto him. The book of the prophet Isaiah. 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 has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted. To preach deliverance to the captives. And recovery of sight to the blind.

To set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the law. The Bible says he then closed the book.

Jesus knew that life is a platform for ministry. And this is what he introduced unto us in the church. It was because we put our cart before the horse.

We put ministry above life. And that was why the power of darkness are having a free day. In the body in the church of God.

I pray God will check him at this particular hour. The hour has come where everyone is going to hope. For the new anointing in the congregation of the people of God.

And the church will regain its fame back. Because in the past, church is seen as a nuisance. Church is seen as something that we don't need.

The world, the government of this world. Every day they are opposing. Simply because we that he trusted, we are betraying.

I pray this open heaven will produce correct men on the pulpit. I pray this open heaven will produce genuine disciples. And by the grace of God, we will be praying shortly.

I am praying God will help us to offer our bodies. That God may pour unto us afresh the Holy Spirit. To empower us for this open heaven.

So that we will not fail in the day of adversity. So look at Jesus. He says, the Lord has anointed me.

It was not until earlier. It is the spirit of God. That God used to anoint Jesus.

He said he has poured his spirit upon me. It is not anointing oil. Many of us we don't know we are idolaters.

We replace Jesus with anointing oil. So-called anointing oil. Sometimes we use several things to replace Jesus.

No wonder we are lost on the day of battle. Like the children of Eli. I pray that we will be checked by the grace of God shortly.

Because God will put Satan under our feet very shortly. By his grace. By the instrumentality of you, Lord.

Of Jesus his slave. Who by the grace of God, as our brother Billy, many years, told us that God asked him to raise pillars for the community revival. And he has been engaged all over.

All over the world that we are seeing the door open. Emphasis is to raise disciples. Disciples that can become pillars for what God wants to hold.

I pray today, God will anoint every one of us. That we will be able to stand correctly in our duty post. And this open heaven will never be wasted again.

In the name of Jesus. Follow me to the book of Acts of apostles chapter 10. Verse 38.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. With the only ghost and with power. Who went about doing good.

And healing all that were oppressed of the devil. For God was with him. God was in Christ.

Reconciling the whole world unto him. And when our brother was addressing, I mean, speaking to the military, he made them to know that the ambassador, that Christ, by the grace of God, has put us as ambassador of God. We are the rose of Jesus his slave.

God has saved life out of our life. He now pours Jesus inside us. He made us rose.

Rose that you can use to break the head of the serpent. And by the grace of God, this will no longer fail. And if we put the church in the rightful place.

In the world program in the name of Jesus. So look at this. Bible says God anointed Jesus of Nazareth.

With the only ghost and with power. Who went about doing good. And healing all that were oppressed of the devil.

For God is with him. Brothers and sisters, God was in Christ. And Christ is in us.

So which means by his grace. By the time we allow him to walk in us. Definitely he will accomplish God's will.

If you check even in the book of Genesis. When God created man. In Genesis chapter 1, Genesis chapter 2. When you read verse 7. You will discover that when God created man.

The Bible says God formed man from the dust of the earth. And he breathed the breath. All the spirit of life into him.

And the man became a living soul. It was God. Having man as a container.

Even in the garden of Eden. A container is less important than what is inside it. If you have a bottle of Coke.

That is inside is more important than the bottle. When you have a bottle of oil. Oil is more important than the bottle.

The bottle is just a container. But when the enemy attack. And man turns his back against God.

And begins to subscribe for the dealings of Satan. It became clear that what the devil tried to do. Is to make life of man.

A way that God can no longer dwell with. Because man has allowed sin. And God has a lofty eye.

His eyes cannot see sin. He loves sinners. But he hates sin in their life.

And that is how God when he has told man. You must not eat of the fruit that is in the midst of the garden. If you eat it, you will surely die.

When Adam threw his wife. Disobeyed God. And they heard the forbidden fruit.

The spirit of life. The breath of life. Left Adam.

And when this happened to Adam. Another spirit or nature. That took his soul from Satan.

Took over. And we saw that the first man was pursuing the will of God. But the following man now is pursuing the things of the devil.

And look at. I perceive that. That state where the devil succeeded in turning the first man.

Away from God. He rendered man to become ordinary animals. Please understand what I see the spirit of God saying.

An animal. Does not have hope of salvation. Animals, every animal.

They live on three major things. The first is food. The second is sex.

The third is player. Every animal. Whether domestic or the one that were inside the bush.

When you see two of them fighting. If you are able to hear their language. And you ask, what is the cause of your fighting? You will see.

The bigger one or the older one saying. In the animal kingdom. Age matters.

When we the leaders are eating. A young one like you should see that he will finish eating. It could be on food.

Go and see what they call a gamma lizard. Or you see two cock fighting. If you are able to hear their language.

Find out, what are you fighting? It is a matter of taking once while. If a gamma lizard that live in a colony. If another one stray and come to his colony.

The next thing is that they will fight. If the stranger overcome the owner. Or the gamma lizard.

They will follow the stranger that has come. That is why both of them will fight to finish. That is the nature.

That we carry. When we disobey God. The next thing is pleasure.

Go and look at men. Even some of us. We go to church.

Our eyes are not totally removed. From all these three things. When you say throw it away.

Don't throw that thing too far. Don't allow chicken to pick it. Even if your eye does not see it.

Your heart is still after you. Things that we realize. We make us to disobey God.

Because the enemy has removed our sight from God. I pray as the heaven is opening. And God is working.

In today's church by his grace. We will rise up by his grace. To seek what is in the heart of God.

We will not preach ourselves any longer. We will not look for what to eat. We will not look for our pleasure.

We will not look for sex. We will be heavenly conscious. The Bible says if you listen to Christ.

Colossians 3.1. Seek things that are above. Not things that are here or there. Because you are dead.

And your life is hidden. I pray as God has made many of us to encounter Christ. Will we no longer seek things of this world.

Will not waste heaven that is open over our head. By the help of Holy Spirit. We will pursue the kingdom matter.

And by his grace. What God is doing presently even in this retreat. I pray everyone will partake of it.

That nobody will leave this retreat. Without being fully endued. Bringing the power from above.

I pray God almighty will do it in Jesus name. Look at Jesus. He knew this.

That the secret of his success. Is what God was doing through him. What is inside him.

He never considered himself of any value. When he saw himself in the form of man. He humbled himself.

Even to the death on the cross. I pray that kind of spirit will come over you. I pray that work of grace will be done afresh in your life.

That you will not consider yourself more important than the saviour. That you will not consider your need more than what the heaven focus to use life for. In the name of Jesus.

Look at Jesus. He told the disciple. He told them in the book of Luke.

Luke 24. Verse 49. Can you go with me to the book of Luke? Luke chapter 24.

And then verse 49. Are we there? Luke chapter 24. Verse 49.

Verse 49. And behold. I send the promise of my father upon you.

In the city of Jerusalem. Until you be endued with the power from on high. Carry.

In Jerusalem. Continue seeking the endowment from above. Because that is where the secret of your victory is.

That is where the effective ministry can come up. That is where you can do acceptable work. Before God.

That is what he told the disciples. And by the grace of God they obey. And they waited.

And the Bible says when the day of Pentecost came. In the book of Acts chapter 2. When the day of Pentecost came. They have waited.

They have obeyed the word of God. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come. Fully come.

Which means it has become small, small. But when is fully come? When is fully come? We have been seen upon heaven. But in Trincus.

I am believing heaven is going to open wide. Even in this particular meeting by the grace of God. I am praying that it is this time now.

That the Lord will announce a new opening. Over the church of God. Where the kind of work that will be done will be concentrating on Christ.

And him crucified. By the grace of God. Look at the Bible.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come. They were all in one place. And suddenly there came a sign from heaven.

Suddenly. Suddenly. And I pray that suddenly will also be now.

That by the grace of God. And the release of the spirit of God. Will come upon his people.

Globally. By his grace. He will call in his power.

He will call. To fill us afresh. And renew our strength.

By his grace. And the Bible says when it happened. Suddenly.

Suddenly. From heaven. And suddenly there came a sign from heaven.

As of a rushing mighty wind. And he filled all the house. Where they were sitting.

And they appeared unto them. Clothing, tongues. Like as of fire.

And he sat upon each of them. And they were all filled. With the Holy Ghost.

And began to speak with other tongues. As the spirit gave them utterance. Please note this.

The tongue of fire divided. He said upon 120 people that were in the upper room. 120 people that were in one accord.

120 people that are expecting. They are waiting. 120 people that are obedient.

They were there. And God with his appointment. He came down upon them.

Oh my God. I pray we will not disappoint God any longer. In the name of Jesus.

Many times God came in his power. He came to help man. But it was a wasted one.

It was a wasted one because we did not allow it to be used. We look at what God was using. Yesterday to show us.

Jacob. Jacob has been with his father. All this year.

He has never had any time. He has never heard God. It is only what he was told.

Is that your story? What you know about God is what he has told you. You have never come to a time when you have divine encounter. You cannot refer to a particular place.

When God starts upon your life and put a name. It has never happened. He had a collision upon your life.

And you could not go ahead in your own way. He carried you on his own way. That is what we are expecting.

We have had enough people claiming to be Christian. Because Christian are not people that go to church. Christian are not people that bear Christian name.

They are people who have Christ in them. And they are being led by the spirit of God. They are called sons of God.

Anyone that does not have his spirit does not belong to him. In our own days. Anyone that just carried the Bible.

Anyone that has come. We consider them as Christian. That is the definition of the first church.

Those that have Christ inside them. They are his. And I pray that will be our identity in the church.

That we will make sure that everyone has the anointing of the Holy Spirit. President inside him. We have the new creation.

We are a new creation. Never leaving to ourselves. As God used his servant this afternoon to say.

We don't judge. That if someone dies. He died that those who live should not live unto themselves.

But unto him. Who died in their place. Who gave his life for them and died in their place.

I pray we will no longer live for ourselves. I pray we will live for Jesus. We will allow Jesus to have the purpose of God fulfilled in our lives.

By his grace. Henceforth in the name of Jesus. Look at what we are saying.

We are saying that by his grace. Even Jesus. He knew that the disciple will fail.

If they should be allowed. Without endowment from above. And they carried.

They did not disappoint God. You know I was talking about Jacob. Jacob was a man.

Full of self love. A man that is full of self. The Bible says in the book of 2 Peter chapter 1. He said.

Hard diligence to your faith. Is there anyone that lacks this? He is blind. He is short sighted.

What does he mean to be a short sighted man? A short sighted man can see something that is very near. But he cannot see something that is far. But Colossians says if you be there with Christ.

Look at things that were above. It was because heaven was close. Nobody could see anything from heaven.

When you look at the Bible. They normally put a period of 100 years. Between old and new testament.

That was a time when the word of God was kept. When there was no God says the law. The heaven was shut.

And that is exactly what we are witnessing in the church today. I pray by the grace of God. This open heaven will usher us into the purpose of God.

Jacob. When God came. You know what he said? He said God is here.

And I did not know. The question I ask myself is what did he do with the open heaven? We will not waste God open heaven any longer. We will not disappoint God any longer.

It was a day God was disappointed. He came to help this man. But just as we have been told by the servant of God.

I don't need to struggle on that any longer. When you go to Genesis 32. You will see this same man as he was going.

They said he saw the angel. The angel does not matter to him. All that matters to him is if he can catch a wife.

If he can get pleasure. Then God will be his God. That is what natural man will do.

That is what they will use open heaven to do. But this new heaven that is opening. It will not be spent on this any longer.

It will be spent on the purpose of God. Look at where I want to tie this. That is not the end.

If you go to chapter 4. You will see the apostles. At the beautiful gate. The man that was named was raised.

You will see how the whole land became. To God. They were annoyed.

They persecuted them. They said what can we do? I pray. I don't have the liberty to tell you.

The open heaven normally attracts persecution. Open heaven attracts hatred. That is why we must be ready.

Ready to go with God. Look at the apostles. Chapter 10.

You see in the house of Cornelius. As Peter was preaching. The Bible says every spirit came down.

People started speaking in tongues. Peter said who can forbid this one to be baptized? They received only spirit. Where I want to tie this message.

It was said of Jesus. The servant of God said yesterday. He said this ladder.

Is the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to show you. We want to pray at this time.

The ladder is the Lord Jesus Christ. That Jesus Christ. Look at what he said.

What was said about him and what he said. In Matthew 3. John said I baptize you with water. And with Holy Spirit.

He is the one that will come and baptize you. With Holy Spirit and fire. That is the book of Matthew.

Matthew chapter 3 verse 11. Let me quickly pick it for you. So that we can go to pray.

Matthew 3 verse 11. He says indeed I baptize you. With water unto repentance.

But he that cometh after me. Is mightier than I. I am not worthy to bear. I baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

And with fire. That is what he said of Jesus. He will baptize us with Holy Ghost and with fire.

Look at what Jesus said. In the book of Luke. Chapter 12 verse 49 and 50.

Luke chapter 12 verse 49. And 50. He says I am come.

To send fire on the earth. And what will I. If it be already kindled. But I have a baptism.

To be baptized with. And how am I stretching. Till it be accomplished.

Look at Jesus. Don't think when I come now. Your salary will double.

Don't think when I come now. The government will be thinking of the poor. That is not what you should use.

He said I am come. To baptize you with fire. Somebody said three states of matter.

Water, solid, liquid and gas. He said. Can be used to represent solid.

Water can be used to represent liquid. And then fire is used to represent gas. He said.

The gravity has power over it. It will fall to the earth. It will say I belong to the earth.

I don't belong to the earth. Gravity will bring it down. Brother.

We are not sure you can bring something out of it. I mean when it is just solid. These material things are solidified.

With your own sweat. It can't carry you anywhere. If it is water.

If it is liquid. All gravity will have a power on it. But if you ever see fire.

When you see the smoke. The smoke. I mean the flame.

As they were saying. I am not of the earth. I belong to heaven.

The fire is going to burn. Oh God. Oh God.

You have used this. You have raised many people. Father.

While you are raising them. Are you not going to rise? Oh. All that will report that fire upon us now.

All that will embark, ties on with fire. Nobody can fire in the books of Manicur, we know the law. It is that zeal that fire brings.

It is that power of Holy Spirit that it came on the day of Pentecost. That was the beginning, the beginning of Apostle's Revival. There is this end time Revival, and God is saying, today I am igniting me.

I am starting it afresh. Can you close your eyes as we call upon God? Jesus is to baptize all with fire. That fire will never allow us to rest.

It will not allow us to seek and use our life for a better thing. It will make all by His grace, from weight upon, for the purpose of which we are apprehended. Shall we begin to pray at this hour? Shall we begin to call upon the Lord Jesus? Let all your life be a waste.

Let all your days be a waste. O God, who sent the brotherly Messiah. The day you visited a person, it was an appointed day.

Or the day you met, no, it was a disappointed day. The day you took Elijah to the mountain, and you wanted to refute him, to retire him, He disappointed you because he did not say where you wanted him to stay. Help us that this open way of life will not be wasted.

Help us to stay in the correct place. Help us to seek the correct thing. Help us that this open way of life will not be wasted.

O God, O God, O God. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Father, thank you. Thank you for your doing. The seal of the house of the Lord shall do it.

It is not going to be by power. It is not going to be by mind. But by your Spirit.

By your Spirit. By your Spirit, O God. Oh, hallelujah.

In Jesus name we are free. Holy Ghost, this is your error. Another Pentecost is here.

The beginning of another new for God among disciples. The hope of heaven wider. That won't look impossible and difficult before.

From today we announce a new beginning for the church. Where the child will wake up from his sleep. We will take the guilt by the arm.

We will lose whatever we put upon our life. To achieve the purpose of God. Thank you.

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