

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was given only to certain individuals, but in the New Testament the promise is “**I will pour out My Spirit on all...**”

The Holy Spirit was already very actively working in during the times of the Old Testament.



However, in the Old Testament, **only certain individuals** were given the Holy Spirit.

- King David received the Holy Spirit

#### **1 Sam. 16:13**

"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 upon David in power."

- Samson received the Holy Spirit

#### **Judges 14:6**

"The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands..."

- Moses (and later 70 elders) received the Holy Spirit

#### **Num. 11:17**

"I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone."

There are approximately 100 references to the Spirit of God in the OT. The Spirit was active during this period, but only to certain people. For the most part, God gave the Spirit to Israel's leadership like the prophets, priests, judges and kings. The Spirit helped these people to speak forth the will of God, govern God's people, and perform extraordinary acts of faith.



The promise given in the New Testament is that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be given **to all the people of God.**

Even though in the Old Testament God primarily gave the Holy Spirit to Israel's leadership, the prophets envisioned a time when the Spirit would be available to every believer. For example, the prophet Joel announced that one day God would pour out His Spirit on all people.

#### **Joel 2:28-29**

'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

- Did that happen? Yes! When? According to Acts 2:16-21, it occurred on the Day of Pentecost -- The day that the church was established.

**And they were all filled with the holy Spirit**

**Acts 2:4**