

REVELATION: Lesson 138
Chapter 15:8, Filled with the Spirit

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There is an important lesson to learn from Revelation 15:8. Let us examine all the elements:

1. This is the heavenly temple (vs 5).
 - a. It is the sanctuary and the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man (Heb 8:2).
 - b. It is heaven itself (Heb 9:24).
 2. This temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power.
 3. When the temple was filled with God's glory and power, man was not able to enter the temple.
- Each time God filled a place, man could no longer operate in that sphere.
 - It is not enough to merely have God present:
 - In our lives
 - In our homes.
 - In our church fellowship.
 - If God doesn't fill the place, there will be a struggle between God and man for supremacy and rule.
 - God is present in every believer's life, but most often, He is not given complete control.
 - When God fills a place, He is in full control and can perform His mighty work without any hindrance from feeble man.
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Ephesians 5:17-21

- The Lord exhorts believers to **be filled with the Spirit** (vs 18).
 - It will cause us to submit one to another and equip us to minister (vs 21).
 - It will make us want to thank God (vs 20).
 - We'll appreciate His blessings rather than complaining about any lack.
 - We'll want to sing God's songs instead of the world's songs (vs 19).
 - **"Be filled with the Spirit."** That means 100 percent.
 - If you are partly full of yourself and you only let God fill whatever is left, you will be susceptible to the same failures that unsaved people face.
 - Divorce, broken families, failed relationships.
 - If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, there will be room for your old nature (Adam) to cause wreck and ruin and failure in your life.
 - The example given is that of a drunkard (vs 18).
 - A man who drinks until he is fully drunk no longer has control of his own actions.
 - He does things that he wouldn't normally do if he wasn't drunk.
 - He doesn't care what anybody thinks about his actions.
 - The more you fill yourself with the Holy Spirit (through Bible reading, prayer, fellowship), the more influence the Holy Spirit will have upon your actions. Your flesh will be subdued.
 - When the Spirit is in control, you will do things you wouldn't normally do.
 - You won't be concerned with what anybody thinks or says about you as you minister, witness, serve, and do right.
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Exodus 40:30-35

- After **Moses** built the **Tabernacle** exactly as God instructed him, God came and filled the place.
 - When God filled the tabernacle, no man could enter. There was no more room for man.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

- **Solomon** built the **Temple** and the people proceeded to worship God with thanksgiving and praise.
 - These people were doing right before God filled the Temple.
 - We ought to do right and serve God even if we struggle to do so.
 - God's glory filled the Temple so that no man could stand to minister.
 - Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor 6:19).

John 20:19-22

- Jesus Christ visited His disciples after His resurrection. When He breathed on them, they received the Holy Ghost.
 - Before they received the Holy Spirit, they hid in fear of the Jews.
 - The disciples received the Holy Spirit (salvation) but were not filled with the Spirit.
 - God breathed life into Adam (Gen 2:7) and all men (Job 33:4).
 - God will breathe life into the nation of Israel (Ezek 37:5) and the nation will live again.
 - The Lord formed a body (the Church), but it had no life until He breathed upon these disciples and the Church was born. The Lord said, "*So send I you,*" but they didn't go.

Acts 2:1-6, 12-13

- The disciples have the Holy Spirit, but they're still hiding in a house for fear.
- When they are filled with the Holy Ghost (vs 4) suddenly they are outside speaking to the multitudes in various languages.
 - When they were filled with the Spirit, God was in control of their lives, and suddenly they were found doing what the Lord had told them to do.
 - It was evident to the world that something had moved inside those disciples and was controlling their actions (vs 13).
- **Acts 8:25-39** is a similar case. Philip was so full of the Holy Spirit that he was always found in the middle of God's will and purpose.

Ezekiel 43:1-7

- When the glory of the Lord fills the millennial Temple, it will proceed to drive out the sin of man from the earth.

Ezekiel 47:1-9

- This description of living waters flowing from the millennial temple reveals a great truth to us.
 - We can have as much of God's living water as we want. How far do you want to go for the Lord?
 - The more you are filled with God's Spirit, the easier it is to live the Christian life.
 - We struggle more with sin and obedience when we don't give place to God's Spirit.
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