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## The Fountain (or Spring) Gate

The 'Fountain Gate' was one of the gates in Jerusalem located near the Pool of Siloam and is mentioned in Nehemiah 3:15. This gate was situated about 120 meters north of the 'Dung Gate' and was positioned southeast of Jerusalem, opposite the En Rogel spring. Right in front of the Fountain Gate was the Pool of Siloam.

### Nehemiah 3:15

“And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David.”

### 「 Introduction 」

Our 6th gate is the Fountain Gate (v. 15). This gate, located near the Pool of Siloam, symbolizes the overflowing work of the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Spirit. The Bible is the written history of the continual work of the Holy Spirit. When it comes to fulfilling God's will, the Bible does not focus on individual abilities or determination. Andrew Murray said, “Without being filled with the Holy Spirit, it is absolutely impossible for Christians or the Church to live and work in the way that God desires. Therefore, we must earnestly seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit with all our hearts.”

### 1. What is the purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

John 16:13-14 The Holy Spirit has come to reveal the glory of Christ. Therefore, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with Christ.

### 「 Going Deeper 」

#### Understanding the work of the Spirit

- Ex opera operato : Commits the error of turning the grace of the Holy Spirit into a product (Roman Catholic Sacramental Theology)
- Spiritualism : Commits the error of understanding the Holy Spirit as a part of the created universe.

- Rationalism : Commits the error of thoroughly excluding the supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit and confining the Spirit within the realm of individual rationality.
- Emotionalism : Commits the error of using emotions as the ultimate judge when calling upon the Spirit and determining His presence.
- Fundamentalism : Commits the error of limiting the work of the Holy Spirit to the doctrines and traditions established by the church.
- Restrictionism : Commits the error of limiting the Holy Spirit to certain individuals, clergy, sacraments, programs, or even (institutional) churches.

The Holy Spirit leads only to Christ. The Holy Spirit is not limited by anything but is limited only to Christ. He does not work beyond Christ. He is the Spirit who always leads to Christ, and the true fruit of the Spirit is that He leads to one's union with the Body of Christ, the Church. (The Church by Edmund Clowney)

### 「 Sharing 」

How do you tend to limit the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? (e.g. certain doctrines, emotional experience, rational understanding, etc.)

### 2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

#### ① The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity.

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

#### ② The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth.

John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

#### ③ The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ.

Romans 8:9 “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”

#### ④ The Holy Spirit is the Helper (or Counselor).

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

**TIP**

The Holy Spirit is not merely an emotion, warmth, or power. The Holy Spirit has a personality as one of the Persons of the Triune God. The Holy Spirit does not follow anyone's command or manipulation but works according to His own will for the glory of Christ. Moreover, the Holy Spirit has no physical form and as He is not a matter or an object no one can command the Holy Spirit.

### 3. Why should we be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- ① **Even though we believe in Jesus and live a new life, we are still in constant conflict with sin.**

Romans 7:24 "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

- ② **How does the Apostle Paul describe this conflict?**

Galatians 5:17 "For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh. For these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

- ③ **How can one overcome this internal conflict?**

Romans 8:9-10, 13-14 "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness... For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

- We must put to death the deeds of the body and be led only by the Spirit of God.

### 4. What is the result of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

- ① **The character of Christ is revealed in life.**

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

- ② **One receives boldness to share the Gospel.**

Acts 4:31 "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."

- ③ **Various spiritual gifts are given according to need.**

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

### 5. We must pray daily to be filled with the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 "Do not quench the Spirit."

Luke 11:13 "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!"

### 「Applications」

1. How well are you aware of the leading of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
2. What is the most needed fruit of the Spirit in your life? (love, joy, peace, forbearance/patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)
3. What is one thing you can do in your daily life to seek the filling of the Spirit?

### Pray Together

Dear heavenly Father, I need You Lord.

I confess that I have lived my life according to my own will, making myself the master of my life, and I acknowledge that I have sinned before You Lord. Nevertheless, I thank You for loving me and sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the cross, and for forgiving all my sins through His sacrifice. Now, I entrust my life to You. Please reign over me and lead me according to Your will.

And as You have commanded, I ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I ask relying on Your promise that You will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask in faith. Purify my heart and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Reign over me by Your Spirit and enable me to live through Your power. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

[Reference] One-to-One Discipling