

## Title: The Spirit Quickens

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Jesus is good! Alright, I entitled this, "The Spirit Quickens."  
I love how this morning all through worship we are still singing of God's power and His resurrection life. We celebrate Jesus's resurrection every day of our lives. As believers, we don't have to wait till Easter, amen. Let's be encouraged in this.

### II Corinthians 3:4-6 DBY

*"And such confidence, have we through Christ towards God: Not that we are competent of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our competency is of God, who has also made us competent, as ministers of the New Covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit quickens."*

We have such confidence as we have faith in God. In Christ, towards God, our confidence is in Christ alone, and in the work of the cross and His resurrection. Our confidence is in the finished work of the cross and His resurrection. Amen. Therefore, we are not just confident in our self. Yes, we are not competent even in ourselves, but we know and rely fully upon the work of Jesus Christ. We know that we cannot be saved by the law, but only by the Spirit of God. By believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Glory, as the savior of all, and receiving the forgiveness of sins. To receive the forgiveness, and come before Him and confess that, "I am a sinner and that I need to be saved. I have gone to church a few times, but now I need to be born again from above. I really want relationship with Jesus Christ."

God is a relational God. That is why His name is Father. Jesus is the Son, and the great Holy Ghost is *with us*. So I want you to understand this revelation and all of this amazing work. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit." It is the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, that quickens us. Amen.

### II Corinthians 3:7-18 NKJV "Glory of the New Covenant"

We are hearing glory, glory, glory, from glory to glory. This is a very, very powerful part of Scripture He shows us. I want you to understand that all people who have not yet made Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior are still veiled and asleep. You understand, dead in sins? The Scripture says, "until we have been awakened by the great Holy Ghost." The Spirit of Liberty, comes and brings the Gospel of the Kingdom to us, and our eyes are opened. There is grace right there, if we would choose to believe this great Gospel. It is a choice for us. It is available to all, but it is the power and the anointing of Holy Spirit that comes with such liberty to remove the veils, the blindness, and the deafness. So that we can enter into this New Covenant that God has with us through Jesus. Yes, this is the Gospel. This is good news. All you see is that the Spirit quickens here. We are going from glory to glory.

It is a ministry of reconciliation. It is a ministry of restoration. It is a ministry of miracles. It is a ministry of healings. It is a ministry of purpose. It is a ministry of great, great destiny and life. It is the Kingdom of Heaven. We get to be plucked up and out of hell, death, the grave, being dead in our sins, to reside and be seated with Christ in heavenly places. Yes, to have His authority, His nature, and for the Holy Ghost to come and live inside of us. So, a little veil did not just come off our head, okay. This is a supernatural work of the Holy Ghost to bring the dead back to life. That is why we are talking about resurrection power. Jesus has done this through His obedience. He is resurrected through His obedience and His going to the cross. He has resurrected through His resurrection. He is resurrected. All of His words carry life.

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He said in John 10:10, *"The thief comes but to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come to give you life, and life more abundantly."* That is resurrection life. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Okay, when we turn to the Lord, every veil is removed. When we turn to Lord, those veils are removed. That is the Spirit and the Spirit of Liberty. Yet, we are being changed from glory to glory to glory, from glory to glory to glory. It is like all of a sudden you see Him one way, and then the next moment, oh, my goodness, you just saw another aspect of His heart. Maybe that evening, all of a sudden, you saw another aspect of His thoughts, His movement, and the Kingdom of Heaven. You see, this is not just on one day of the year. It is not just during a feast. It is every day. Every day is a gift from God.

He said, "Today, while it is called today," and that is our hope. You can have as much knowledge, revelation, wisdom and understanding of Jesus Christ as you want. There is no lid. Heaven is opened. When you are born again, Heaven is opened over you. Yes, the heavens have been opened through Jesus Christ, praise the Lord. He ascended. He is coming again, and we long for that day. But He has to finish a work, a big work, doesn't He? Whoo, hallelujah.

You understand this message, "Once I was blind, but now I see." That is a reality. Once we were veiled, correct? Once we were asleep, dead. But, now we are alive, we are well, and now we see. Yet, we are still learning, growing and seeing more and more and more. It is an ever increasing glory. We talk about this all the time here, because we go from glory to glory. We have asked the Father for revelation. "Show us your glory, Lord." That is different than just going to church. You are the Church. We are the saints of the Most High God, called out, and born again to the bone. We, each and every one, have an anointing from the Holy One to go about doing what Father God has called us to do, but He is the center of it all. Amen.

We know that some people are still asleep. We know that some people are still, "lost." We know that some have not yet believed, just as was expressed earlier, "They are not yet believers in the Lord Jesus Christ," right? There are many who do not yet believe this great gospel. There is something that can veil them. There is something that can cover them and blind them. We are going to talk a little about that today, the veil and the spirit of slumber and stupor and unbelief. We know that we were once in unbelief. It is just the truth. You know, once you get saved, you still wrestle with unbelief, believe it or not. You know, it just looks like that, right? It is humans on the Earth.

When God speaks something to your heart, and you feel Him, then the flesh kicks in and says, "Well, I doubt it." You understand what I am talking about? He shows you something glorious, and you say, "Oh, that is way too big. That is bigger than my pay grade." Correct? It doesn't matter what it is, how small or big, but that is the wrestling of the soul. There is a spirit in Scripture called a "spirit of slumber and stupor," that works a lot with unbelief keeping the person or saint asleep. We are going to talk about that in a minute. I am going to read a few scriptures in here that sound like a downer, but we have to hear and see. Have an ear to hear, "the Spirit quickens." So, thank the Lord for that.

#### Isaiah 6:9 NKJV

This is a prophet being told, *"Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand. Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'" Sounds like there is no breakthrough there. Just a little bit of blindness, and a little bit of slumber.*

#### Isaiah 29:10 NKJV

The seer prophets are the ones that see, like we see right now. *"The Lord has poured on you the spirit of deep sleep."* This is the spirit of slumber and stupor. *"It has closed your eyes, namely the prophets; and has covered your heads, namely the seers."* The Spirit quickens.

Thank you, Jesus.

Isaiah 56:10 NKJV

These watchmen refer to those who guard, who intercede, keep and stand guard before the Lord Almighty. You understand? He is saying now the watchmen are even asleep.

Isaiah 56:10 NLT

*“For the leaders of my people— the Lord's watchmen, His shepherds— are blind and ignorant. They are like silent watchdogs that give no warning when danger comes. They love to lie around, sleeping and dreaming.”* Hear it? Say, “the Spirit quickens.” You can read all this in context on your own at home.

Ezekiel 12:2 NKJV

Ezekiel was a prophet who was told, *“Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house which has eyes to see but does not see and ears to hear but does not hear, for they are a rebellious house.”*

There are many more scriptures that allude to this in the Old Testament where the Father is constantly laboring with His people, and with the prophets. *“For He does nothing unless He first reveals these things to His prophets,”* yes. So, even the prophets and all the leaders of the people are sleeping, are veiled, are ignorant, are in some form of rebellion and disobedience. They don't see, they don't get it, they don't hear. Their heart is asleep, if you would. There is a lack of understanding. Yet through the whole journey, there are these awakenings. It is amazing how the opposite of slumber is awake, right? Sleep, wake up. Makes sense, doesn't it? Awakenings have something to do with an awakened spirit, soul and body. Awakening has to do with the Spirit that quickens to reveal God's glory. It is the Spirit, the Holy Ghost, that brought Christ back to life. Do you understand? Truth.

Now, in the New Testament Jesus spoke in parables and stories. Listen to this, “Jesus spoke in these parables to both reveal and conceal truth.” He is pretty sneaky. He knows exactly what He is doing, because He knows that many are in this category of being sleeping, hard hearted or rebellious. Ears are shut. Eyes don't see. Their hearts are not yet laying hold of it, because they have their own agenda. He knows, so you just have to hear this. “Jesus spoke in parables to both reveal and conceal truth.” It is like she is going to get it, but that one will not, and that is okay with Him. You have to understand what's going on here, correct? He says He used them to reveal spiritual truths to those who were receptive and willing to understand, while also shielding the more profound teachings from those who were not open to them. The parables act as a sort of test, allowing those who sought understanding to delve deeper and learn, while leaving those who were not interested to only grasp at surface level. *They say, “Man, that is deep.”* You say, “I don't get it.” Hang on. The Spirit quickens. When you are right here, He is about to take you deeper, or He is about to take you higher. He is about to give you more understanding and more revelation knowledge. When you have an ear to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the churches, it takes that.

*“Blessed are those who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”* We find this in Revelation. Nothing has changed. We are being awakened by the grace of God. My God, we were all once, the same. Sinners, lost in darkness, and a rebellious house. Gentiles separated from the House of Israel, doubly lost. But, God chose, in His goodness and grace, to come and bring all the nations to the Son. So you understand this, even in the parables, you see the Lord working here. Thank you, Jesus that He is quickening us and He reveals truths to us. The opposite and the enemy of that is slumber and stupor.

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Mark 4:9-11 NKJV

He is just quoting the prophets. Yet, here He is teaching. He is preaching. They say, Lord help us understand. Then He says to those who are following Him in verse 11, *"To you, it has been given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God."* How blessed are those who have been given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, to hear God, to know God, to hear what God is saying. The Spirit quickens and brings us out of resurrection into resurrection from death, correct? *"It has been given to you to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God."* Oh, what a mystery it is. My goodness, this is glorious news. *"But to those who are outside,"* these parables, this is what they are going to keep getting, because they are sleepers still. Yes, blind, deaf, can't hear, heart's not understanding, a little bit rebellious, correct? You can go as deep as you want to go, and it is the grace of God that grants us repentance. Oh Lord, thank you for repentance. You need to thank God for repentance. Every day, I try so hard to thank Him, because I can't take it for granted. We can't get hard. We can't get proud, and we certainly don't want to be religious. We don't want that, "I am better than you," attitude.

We have to be humble and yet full of authority in who He says we are. He has given us knowledge. He has given us the mystery of the Kingdom of God. *"Those who have ears to hear, let them hear."* It is saying, "I hear now, I hear now, I hear now. I see now. I get this." Even though you may get just this first surface level, you still have your heart quickened. You know when your heart gives a little beat like there is something on that. "I am going to have to go back and read that. I am going to have to go search that out. I need to study that. Matter of fact, I am going to do a whole book study on this, right? Everybody, leave me alone. I am still over here." Because you are going in, you are going in with God, because He is after your heart to bring revelation knowledge. He is revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to us. We are not supposed to stay the same. How boring. Oh, Lord Jesus.

Luke 24: 24-27 NKJV

This is obviously after His resurrection. We call this the "walk to Emmaus or the road to Emmaus." After His resurrection, He just shows up, and they don't recognize Him until the Spirit quickens. Their eyes are opened, and look what He had to say. Look what He had to say, because the women had already testified to it. They were like, "I don't believe it." In verse 25, He says, *"O, foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken."* That is what we are talking about. Everything in their life changed, like this is not what was supposed to happen. You have to understand the shock they were in here. Correct? *"Foolish ones, slow of heart to believe in all the prophets have spoken."* He is saying, "Don't you get it? Have you not read what was been prophesied about me?"

He brings it to their attention. *"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"* Here it is, Verse 27, *"And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself."* So, this is Jesus revealing to those first ones. "This is Me in Isaiah, this is Me in Ezekiel, and this is Me from the very beginning of Genesis. This is Me in Jeremiah, and in the Psalms." You understand, this is what He did? I mean, you could have walked from Montana to Corpus Christi, that is going to take a while. You know what I am saying? We just sum it all up in a little sentence, *"He expounded to them in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself."* How long do you have to hear Him? How long will you take to hear Him? How long will we position ourselves to stay with Him awhile and let Him expound and tell us about Himself in the Scripture, you hear it? There is the invitation. It is not just there. It is now, amen. There is freedom from the spirit of slumber and stupor.

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Now, this is where we get the phrase of the literal spirit. It is a demonic spirit that is certainly not from the Father, yet the Father puts people to sleep. *"I have given them the spirit of stupor."* You understand? He is working on something.

Romans 11:8 NKJV

That is why they are still unbelieving in Israel. Not all Israel is Israel, but there are those in Israel, who are Jews. The Gospel came to the Jews first. Okay, some Jews received with these early disciples. They are Jewish. They received, and it spilled over into the Gentiles. There are still outpourings of salvations ever since that day to this day. Jews are being saved, left and right. It is the truth, but still, not all Israel is saved yet. There is coming a day, hallelujah! There is coming a day for the hope and the joy set before us. But, in Acts chapter one, the Church has been commissioned to *"Go into all the world and preach this gospel, starting first in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, to all the ends of the Earth."* You understand this power and authority?

Resurrection power, is what backs every believer. That is powerful, isn't it? But, we know where this is coming from, and in this, God is awakening our hearts to the glory of God. It is an ever increasing glory. Yes, it's an ever increasing glory. It is the Spirit who quickens and He knows how to get us from glory to glory. Sometimes you have to go down here a little deeper and kick out some more slumber to wake you up. Yes, wake them up, Lord! Wake them up. Lord, send revival! Lord, open their heart. Lord, open their ears. Lord, open their hearts. Open their eyes, Lord. Quicken them, Lord. It's not just that they are dead in physical form. It is a part of the soul that is still asleep. Especially if it concerns the anointing on you, because the devil sure doesn't want you stepping into that anointing. Because, as soon as you say yes to that anointing, you are going to wake up. You are going to wake up! *"Christ in you the hope of glory."* Amen.

We understand this spirit of stupor and a few symptoms of what it looks like. Number one is unbelief. In that spirit of stupor, unbelief is always there. I think the Lord rebukes us, from Genesis to the end, of doubt and unbelief. *"Be thou not unbelieving, but only believe."* Right? God just wants us to believe Him, believe in Him and His word. We wrestle with that slumber and that stupor and that unbelief, to really go all the way, because it's going to cost you your life. It is going to cost you your life. It will, it will cost you your life. *"Take up your cross daily and follow Me,"* He says. The Spirit is quickening you, and there is resurrection power.

Another symptom of this can be constant fatigue. Now, we all get tired. Don't be thinking you go home from a long day's work, and you have a spirit of slumber on you. No, you just worked hard. You worked hard. You have been up all night with a baby. Bless God, you just worked hard and you are tired. But, this is different. This is a fatigue that wearies you and exhausts you. It is constant. *"I am so tired."* How many times have you heard people and maybe yourself saying, *"Man, I am so tired. I am so tired."* Pay attention. I can be tired, but then it seems to be habitual. How many times have I said that today? Have I been saying that for how many years? Now, it's time to wake up and get some strength to be quickened by the Spirit.

Another symptom is passivity. God the Father is not a fan of passivity. Okay, He is a working God. He works hard. He is alert, He is awake, He is active, and always going around doing good.

Next is procrastination. A big word. Well, there are procrastinators, you know that? So, if you are a procrastinator, there is freedom today, right? If you are passive, there is freedom today. If you are in constant fatigue, there is freedom today. If you are in unbelief, there is freedom today.

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Self pity, everybody just say, "self." That is it. Self pity really likes to throw a pity party, and then it likes to invite friends. You know how you do? "I just need to call somebody else and tell them how pitiful I am." Yes, that is what it does. It likes to invite everybody over to the house. "Let's go have coffee, and we will express to one another how pitiful we are." Is that not true? Self pity is always seeking attention.

But, there is a something inside of the people who are saying, "Somebody help me get out of myself. Help me. Set me free." There is that. When the Christians see that, they say, "Oh, I see what is happening here with you. I can help you. I can get you free from this, yes, hallelujah!" This stupor and slumber blocks or hinders success. Of course, it will. It doesn't want you to succeed. It wants you blocked. It doesn't want you to go. It doesn't want you to increase. It can cause you, at times, to draw back from life. That is where often people even wish that they had not been born. If you have ever said that before, there is forgiveness and healing and deliverance. If you know others that are saying it currently, we do ministry and deliverance with others.

We have heard this more times than we should have. "I wish I had never been born," because they don't understand who God is, and they don't understand who they are to become in Him. That there is life, that the Spirit would quicken, and He could save them to the uttermost. They say, "Is this all there is to life? You know, hell, hell, hell, sin, burdens, weights, no love, hatred, murder, and all the enmity. I mean, if this is all there is to life, why live?"

People wrestle with this to this day. Suicides happen every day. People draw back from life. Christians leave church, sit down and shut up. They want no more part of it, because they haven't been awakened by the Spirit. Yes, it's just that same thing. You have to understand the heart of this. The Lord is the One that awakens us. There are times when it's like, "Man, I just don't get it. I can't see it. I can't see it. Those seers are even blinded, I just don't see it." The answer is right in front of your face, but you say, "I just don't get it." You know, when He is telling you something, you say, "Lord, I just don't get this."

Here is the other big one, "I don't understand why. I don't understand why." That will trigger you to spiral down into the stupor of unbelief. Holy Spirit quickens and gives life. Jesus is literally calling His church to wake up, and He has been doing that ever since He was raised from the dead, correct? I want to encourage everybody, as the Spirit is leading in this truth today, that there is freedom here today.

There may be other things that I didn't explain or go into detail of, but the Holy Ghost is burning in your heart. Sometimes you want to read your Bible. Just as soon as you sit down, (yawn) get the pillow, get the blankie, right? You just sit down. God wakes you up in the middle of night with fire. I am not wrong. You sit down, and you start to pray, and you just get little sleepy, correct? I know you know what I am talking about. If you are human, we all have experienced this. But, there are times when you say, "Alright, no, no, no, there is so much fire and I am so awake right now, I am going to wake up the neighbors." But, the enemy does not want you to go into that quickening of the Spirit to the more that God wants you to have. The enemy sure doesn't want you waking up and getting in your role and function in the body of Christ. He doesn't want to see you increase.

We have a greater good. The Spirit quickens. There is an ever increasing glory. The ministry of the Spirit is more glorious. We have hope. We are no longer blinded, Beloved. Oh, my God, we were once blind, but now we see.

We are going to pray over this. If you need some personal ministry with this, for us to pray for you up front, we'll pray for you afterwards. But, I am going to pray a corporate prayer here.

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Now this is when you kind of get embarrassed. You know, what if I yawn when sister is praying over me? So you start sucking in your yawn. I have been doing this for a long time. I have seen some stuff. Okay? You swallow that yawn because, "Bless God, you are not going to let anybody know that you did any of this. Everybody else has got this, but not me." Yes?

Let's stand up. I know you hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying today. *"Those who have ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit is saying."* There is a greater awakening, there is a greater quickening of the Spirit that He is calling us into, Beloved. That is good news. Say, "It's good news."

All right, if you want to pray with me, just lift your hands. Say, "Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, we hear your word. We thank you that you have given us a heart that believes. Thank you for saving us, for waking us up, and for raising us from the dead. Thank you. Thank you for resurrection life, power, wholeness, healing, deliverance and freedom. The Spirit quickens. I need more. Spirit remove every veil, every hindrance, every lid, every bondage, every barrier to that quickening in Jesus' name. We repent for our participation with the spirit of slumber and stupor, eyes that don't see, ears that don't hear, for falling asleep, for being fatigued, for procrastinating, and for it being all about me. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive me, Lord. Awaken me.

I drive out every spirit of stupor, slumber, and unbelief. We command it to go in the name of Jesus. Holy Spirit, push it all up and out of me in Jesus' mighty name. Just stay there with Him for a minute. Thank you, Lord. Take a deep breath and just let it out. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Father, I thank you for the new work that you are doing in many. There are many out here, Lord, that you have just called them to a new place in you. They are a little bit scared right now, but Father, I pray you bind up the fear and remove it that they can step in. Step in, go onward and upward into the high call of God in Christ. That we will know Lord, that we, the saints in the body, are not alone. That you are with us. Lord, you are with us. Lord, you will never leave us, fail us or forsake us. Lord, we want to be awake with you. We want to be awake with you. We want to be on the wall with you. We want to walk with you and talk with you. We want to heal with you. Deliver and save souls with you. We want to transform cities with you. We want to bring the glory of God into cities, regions, states and nations, God. We want to be bold. Bold prophets who speak the words of the Lord with life and not condemnation. Use us for your glory, Lord. Bless the work of our hands for your glory, Lord. We love you. We thank you for the Spirit that has quickened us today. In Jesus' mighty name, amen. Amen.