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"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD has anointed Me (with His Spirit) to preach Good-news unto the meek; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, so that He might be glorified." (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Spirit: from the Hebrew word <u>ruah</u> which means: <u>the-spirit</u>; from <u>ruach</u> meaning spirit, breath, or wind, depending on context. Here in context, it is the Holy Spirit of God Almighty.

Lord: from the Hebrew word <u>adonai</u> which means: <u>lord</u>; someone having power, authority, or influence over other people: a master or ruler. In context refers to the Lord God, Yahweh, who is the supreme power and master and ruler over all the universe: and whose Holy Spirit is upon and in Christ Jesus!

GOD: from the Hebrew word <u>YHVH</u> which means: <u>Yahweh</u>, the Personal Name of God. Usually translated 'LORD' except for when used alongside '*Adonai*' and done so in reverence to the Name of God. (The words LORD and GOD, are thus always used with all capital letters to help readers distinguish from the literal 'Lord' and 'God'.)

Is Upon Me: from the Hebrew word <u>alay</u> which means: <u>is-upon-me</u>; from <u>al</u> meaning: upon, above, over, on. In context: Jesus is completely empowered by the Spirit of God to perform all that is mentioned, and much more through Jesus the Christ-Messiah.

Anointed: from the Hebrew word <u>masah</u> which means: <u>anointed</u>; from <u>mashach</u> meaning: to smear, <u>to anoint</u> (with oil); as in consecration: a solemn setting apart to a a position of authority, always by the use of oil poured on the head. In context: Jesus was anointed by God the Father, but not with oil. Instead Jesus has been anointed with the Father's Holy Spirit.

Please also consider these additional Prophesies from Isaiah the Prophet of God:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and <u>a Branch (a title of Jesus)</u> shall grow out of his roots. And <u>the Spirit of the LORD</u> shall rest upon <u>Him (Jesus)</u>, the <u>Spirit of wisdom and understanding</u>, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make <u>Him</u> of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD. And <u>He</u> shall not judge after the sight of <u>His</u> eyes, nor reprove after the hearing of <u>His</u> ears. But with righteousness <u>He</u> shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth; and <u>He</u> shall smite the earth with the rod of <u>His</u> mouth, and with the breath of <u>His</u> lips <u>He</u> shall slay the wicked. And <u>righteousness</u> shall be the girdle of <u>His</u> loins, and faithfulness the girdle of <u>His</u> reins." (Isaiah 11:1-5)

"Behold My (the Father's) **Servant (Jesus)**, whom I uphold; **My Elect**, in whom My soul delights; **I have put My Spirit upon Him**. **He** shall bring forth judgment to the Nations. **He** shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed **He** shall not break, and the smoking flax shall **He** not quench. **He** shall bring forth judgment unto truth. **He** shall not fail nor be discouraged, until **He** has set judgment in the earth." (Isaiah 42:1-4)

After the Spirit of God came upon Jesus, He was empowered with many Divine attributes and manifestations of the Spirit of God, a few of which are mentioned in these preceding prophecies. The prophetic fulfillment of these prophecies began with His very conception and birth as a Son of Man by Mary, and as the Son of God by the Holy Spirit. His growth and public ministry was shown to be the exact fulfillment of these prophetic words of the Father's concerning the anointing of Jesus the Christ-Messiah! Please consider the following:

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His Birth:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: when <u>His</u> mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be <u>with child by the Holy Spirit</u>. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was mindful to put her away privately. But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary for your wife; for <u>that</u> which is conceived in her <u>is of the Holy Spirit</u>.' "(Matthew 1:18-20)

His Baptism:

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan (river) unto John, to be baptized by him. ... And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, behold, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and alighting upon Him (Jesus). And behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (see Matthew 3:13-17)

"The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man' (Jesus) who is preferred before me; for He existed before me. (verses 25-27) And I did not recognize Him; but that He should be made manifest unto Israel (verse 22), therefore I came baptizing in water.' And John bore record, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I did not recognize Him; but He (the Father) who sent me to baptize with water, the Same said unto Me, 'Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same is He who Baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' (see Matt. 3:11) And I saw, and bore record that this is the Son of God." (John 1:29-34)

John also said: 'He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease. He (Jesus) who comes from above (from Heaven) is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. He who comes from Heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard (from the Father), that He testifies; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For He (Jesus) whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; for God has not given the Spirit by measure unto Him (meaning instead that God has given unto Jesus the full-measure of His Spirit!). The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has Everlasting Life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see Life; but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:30-36)

"And **Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit** returned from the Jordan, and **was led by the Spirit** into the wilderness, being tempted by the devil for forty days. (see <u>Luke 3:21-22</u>; and 4:1)

In His home town: to His own neighbors, speaking of Himself, Jesus reveals that the prophetic scripture spoken by the prophet Isaiah has been fulfilled in their ears: in their very presence. Please consider the following:

"And Jesus returned in the Power of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went forth a fame of Him through all the region around and about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified (praised) by all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 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: ...

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... 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me (with His Spirit), to preach the Good-news to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.' (Isaiah 61:1-2) And He closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say unto them, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears.' " (Luke 4:14-21)

Jesus' ministry in action was by the fullness of God's Holy Spirit working within and through Him:

"Then He (Jesus) said to the man (with a withered hand), 'Stretch forth Your hand.' And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him. But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, 'Behold My Servant (speaking of Jesus), whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; nor shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, until He sends forth judgment unto victory.' (Isaiah 42:1-3) And in His Name shall the Nations trust. " (Matthew 12:13-21)

The Spirit of God in Christ Jesus is also for all who place their faith in Jesus. Please consider the following:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ... (and) if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make-alive your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if you live after the flesh, you shall die; but if you through the Spirit do put-to-death the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (see Romans 8:1-16)

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The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel, might, and power! the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD!

To bring forth judgment to the Nations!

And also to preach the Good-news of Eternal Life for those who will believe on Him!!

And to baptize those who do believe into the same Holy Spirit!!

Thank You 'Abba Father' for anointing Jesus with Your Spirit to be our Lord and Savior!
Thank You Lord Jesus for baptizing us into the Holy Spirit of God!

Help us to daily put to death, through Your Spirit, the carnal deeds of our flesh!
Always, and Always – for the glory of Your Name! Amen!