

Ezekiel 36:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Continuing the new covenant promise: 'And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.' This verse reveals the mechanism of heart transformation—God's Spirit dwelling within believers enables obedience. The phrase 'I will put my spirit within you' (et-ruchi etten beqirbkem, אֶת־רוּחִי אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם) promises the Holy Spirit's internal presence. The verb 'cause' (asah, עָשָׂה—'make' or 'do') indicates divine enablement, not mere permission. God doesn't just command walking in statutes; He causes it by Spirit-power. The result is obedience: 'ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.' This isn't sinless perfection but Spirit-enabled covenant faithfulness. The promise fulfills at Pentecost (Acts 2:17-18) and in every Christian's conversion (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Galatians 4:6).

Historical Context

Throughout Israel's history, the Spirit came upon select individuals (judges, kings, prophets) for specific tasks. The promise here is radically democratized—God's Spirit dwelling within all His people, enabling corporate obedience. Joel's prophecy (2:28-32) similarly promised Spirit outpouring on 'all flesh.' This was revolutionary for an Old Testament audience. Peter identified Pentecost as fulfillment (Acts 2:16-21). Paul teaches that all Christians possess the Spirit (Romans 8:9) and the Spirit produces fruit of righteousness (Galatians 5:22-23). The promise explains how new covenant differs from old—not different standards

but different power source. Under the old covenant, external law demanded obedience; under the new covenant, indwelling Spirit enables it.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that obedience flows from the Spirit's indwelling change your approach to Christian living?
2. In what areas do you need to rely more fully on the Spirit's enabling power rather than self-effort?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	רוּחִי	אֶתְּ	בְּקִרְבְּךָ	וַעֲשִׂיתֶם:	אֵת	אֲשֶׁר
H853	my spirit	And I will put	within	and do	H853	H834
	H7307	H5414	H7130	H6213		
בְּחֻקֵּי	תִּלְכוּ	וּמִשְׁפָּטֵי	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	וַעֲשִׂיתֶם:		
in my statutes	H1980	my judgments	and ye shall keep	and do		
H2706		H4941	H8104	H6213		

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:21 (Parallel theme): Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (Spirit): Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Proverbs 1:23 (Spirit): Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Ezekiel 39:29 (Spirit): Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Jeremiah 31:33 (Parallel theme): But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 37:14 (Spirit): And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

1 John 3:24 (Spirit): And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Ezekiel 37:24 (Judgment): And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

2 John 1:6 (Parallel theme): And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Isaiah 59:21 (Spirit): As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.