

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament **Selected Texts from Scripture** **Lesson 3**

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The Holy Spirit

- ▶ The age of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
 - N.T. – in all but 2 and 3 John (?James) (>300 references)
 - O.T. – 23 of 39 books (89 references)
- ▶ A divided house
- ▶ A systematic study of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit

▶ The Holy Spirit is God

- The doctrine of the Trinity
- The doctrine of the revelation of God

▶ The Holy Spirit in Biblical History

- The appearances of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament history
- The teaching about the Holy Spirit in the Prophets
- The appearances of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus
- The teaching of Jesus about the Holy Spirit
- The appearance of the Holy Spirit in the founding of the Church (Acts 1-2)
- The appearance of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church (Acts)

▶ The Holy Spirit in the Work of Salvation

- In the unbeliever – regeneration (1)
- In the believer – indwelling and sanctification (2)
- In the Church – Spiritual gifts (2)

Controversy

- ▶ The Trinity debate – defined in the Councils of Nicea and Constantinople
- ▶ The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testament
- ▶ The work of the Holy Spirit in the current age

Controversy

- ▶ The teaching of Jesus
 - John 7:37-39
 - John 15:26
- ▶ Hebrews 11:39-40 – “something better”
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 3:8 – “even more glory”

The Day of Pentecost

- ▶ A definite change
- ▶ Qualitative or Quantitative?
- ▶ Fundamentals remain the same: man, sin, salvation
- ▶ Romans 8:8-11 – Spirit required for spiritual life
- ▶ The role of the Holy Spirit is revealed slowly
- ▶ The work of the Holy Spirit is “unleashed”
- ▶ The blessings of salvation are “better”

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the Agent of action in creation and salvation
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the Agent of God's revelation
- ▶ The Holy Spirit empowers men to do the will of God
- ▶ The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of men to save

The Holy Spirit as Creator

- ▶ Genesis 1:2 – Hovering over the face of the waters
- ▶ Psalm 104:24, 30-31 – Created by your Spirit
- ▶ Job 26:13 – by His “wind” (breath)
- ▶ Job 33:4 – Spirit of God . . . breath of the Almighty
- ▶ Agent of God’s work of creation
 - Silent or “inconspicuous” presence
 - Efficacious
- ▶ Pictures the “new creation” by the Holy Spirit

Spirit of God in man

▶ Genesis 6:3

- yadon (Hebrew) – only found here in the Bible
- Strive, Abide, Shield/protect
- Context: Great sin – followed by great wrath (the Flood)
- Holy Spirit is Agent of preservation of mankind
- The blessing of the Holy Spirit will come to an end.

▶ Job 27:3 – breath . . . Spirit of God

▶ Job 32:8 – Spirit in man or the breath of the Almighty

▶ Holy Spirit – giving and sustaining life

The Holy Spirit Enables Man

- ▶ A Divine Work – Abrahamic Covenant
- ▶ Genesis 41:38-39 – Joseph
- ▶ Exodus 31:3; 35:31 – Bezalel
- ▶ Numbers 11:16-30 – Moses & 70 elders
 - Burden too heavy for Moses (11:14-15)
 - Some of My Spirit which is on you (11:17)
 - They prophesied but did not continue (11:25)
 - Eldad and Medad (11:26-28)
 - Prayer of Moses for all of the LORD'S people to be anointed with the Spirit (11:29)

The Holy Spirit Enables Man

- ▶ Numbers 24:2 – Balaam
- ▶ Numbers 27:18; Deuteronomy 34:9 – Joshua
- ▶ Judges
 - Othniel (3:9-11) – The Spirit of the LORD was upon him
 - Gideon (6:34) – the Spirit of the LORD clothed him
 - Jephthah (11:29) – The Spirit of the LORD was upon him
 - Samson (13:25; 14:6; 14:19; 15:14)
 - Spirit of the LORD stirred him . . . and he sought a wife in Philistia
 - Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him . . . tore a lion in pieces
 - Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him . . . killed 30 men
 - Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him . . . Broke ropes; killed 1000 Philistines
 - Dark days of anarchy

The Holy Spirit Enables Man

▶ Saul

- 1 Sam. 10:6, 10 – Spirit of the LORD came upon Saul – he prophesied
- 1 Sam. 16:14 – Spirit of the LORD departed from him
- 1 Sam. 19:20-23 – Spirit of the LORD on Saul and his men to prophecy

▶ David

- 1 Sam. 16:13 – Spirit of the LORD came upon him “from that day forward.”
- 1 Sam. 23:2 – Spirit of the LORD speaks by me
- 1 Chron. 12:18 – Spirit of God clothed David’s mighty man, Amasai

The Holy Spirit Enables Man

- ▶ 1 Kings 18:12 – Elijah controlled of the Spirit of God
- ▶ 1 Kings 22:24 – Zedekiah (false prophet)
- ▶ 2 Kings 2:16 – prophets suspected Spirit of God
- ▶ 2 Chron 15:1 – Spirit of God came upon Azariah
- ▶ 2 Chron 20:14 – Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel
- ▶ 2 Chron 24:20 – Spirit of God clothed Zechariah
- ▶ Nehemiah
 - Neh 9:20 – gave Spirit to instruct people in the wilderness
 - Neh 9:30 – Warned by Spirit through the prophets
- ▶ Daniel 4:8, 9, 18; 5:11-12 – described by others

The Holy Spirit and Salvation

▶ Psalm 51:11

- A prayer for salvation – grace that is greater than sin
- Presence of God equals the Holy Spirit's presence
- Rhetorical plea indicates the essential role of the Holy Spirit in salvation

▶ Psalm 139:7

- A prayer to be led in the “way everlasting.”
- Omnipresence of the Spirit of God is his consolation

▶ Psalm 143:10

- Prayer for deliverance from enemy of his soul
- Holy Spirit leads “on level ground” – the paths of righteousness

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- ▶ Revelation of the Holy Spirit is progressive
- ▶ Periodic demonstrations of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is restrained in the Old Testament
- ▶ Prophets predict the coming work of the Holy Spirit in Christ, in believers, in Jews & Gentiles