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 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”
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