

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS HELP

Part 2 - Historical Perspective

Text: John 14:16-17 NKJ

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- From the beginning (***Genesis 1:1-2 NKJ***)
 1. Active in creation which helps us understand how it was written
- The Holy Spirit's help for the nation of Israel (***Exodus 13:21-22 NKJ***)
 1. The Holy Spirit manifesting as fire was evident on the day of Pentecost
 2. The Holy Spirit manifesting as a cloud at the dedication of the temple
 3. The Lord led His people through the wilderness (***Numbers 9:15-17 NKJ***)
- We have a better covenant than the nation of Israel had
 1. Now we are the temple of God (***1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJ***)
- He was the empowering force behind the Old Testament "heroes"
 - David was empowered before facing Goliath (***1 Samuel 16:13 NKJ***)
 - 2. Gideon progressed from hiding from the neighbors to leading a nation into battle
 - 3. Samson was able to do supernatural feats of strength (***Judges 14:6 NKJ***)
- He still empowers people today (***Acts 1:8 NKJ***)
 1. He equips us to face giants, move out of fear and exhibit amazing strength
- The Holy Spirit was spoken about by the Old Testament prophets
 1. Isaiah described His characteristics (***Isaiah 11:2 NKJ***)
 2. Ezekiel spoke of a coming day, our current time (***Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJ***)
 3. Joel spoke of the coming day and the Holy Spirit's outpouring (***Joel 2:28-29 NKJ***)

John 14:16-17 NKJ

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Genesis 1:1-2 NKJ

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Exodus 13:21-22 NKJ

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

Numbers 9:15-17

15 Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. 17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents.

1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJ

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Samuel 16:13 NKJ

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Judges 14:6 NKJ

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

Acts 1:8 NKJ

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 11:2 NKJ

2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJ

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Joel 2:28-29 NKJ

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.