

The Nature and Work of The Holy Spirit v2

Lesson 2

The Holy Spirit's Work In The Old Testament

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The Holy Spirit Is God

1. It is reasonable to believe in God
2. Words describing God
3. Three persons identified in the Godhead
4. Three separate eternal Divine beings working together as one
5. What the Holy Spirit is not
6. The Holy Spirit is God
7. Some Divine attributes of the Holy Spirit

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Introduction

- The Old Testament does not give much details about the identity and work of the Holy Spirit
- The New Testament presents a fuller picture of who He is and the work that He does in God's plan of redemption
- But from the beginning, with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit has worked not only in bringing salvation but also in creation of all things

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The Holy Spirit in Creation

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

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The Holy Spirit in Creation

Gen 1:11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.

Gen 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

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Gen 1:21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

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Gen 1:24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.

Gen 1:25 God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

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Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

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Job 26:13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

Psa 104:27 They all wait for You To give them their food in due season.

Psa 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

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Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

- Bible writers and Jesus declared the Old Testament was inspired by God
- Inspired means God-breathed
- Scriptures refer to the whole Bible but we will focus on the Old Testament
- The product of inspiration is Divine revelation
- It is beyond this study to study reasons why we believe the Bible is inspired by God

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

2Ti 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

2Pe 1:20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

2Pe 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

1Pe 1:10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries,

1Pe 1:11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

Deu 18:18 'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

2Sa 23:1 Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse declares, The man who was raised on high declares, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel,

2Sa 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue.

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2Sa 23:3 "The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me, 'He who rules over men righteously, Who rules in the fear of God,

2Sa 23:4 Is as the light of the morning *when* the sun rises, A morning without clouds, *When* the tender grass *springs* out of the earth, Through sunshine after rain.'

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

Zec 7:6 'When you eat and drink, do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?

Zec 7:7 'Are not *these* the words which the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous along with its cities around it, and the Negev and the foothills were inhabited?'"

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Zec 7:12 "They made their hearts *like* flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

Isa 53:4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

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Inspired and revealed Old Testament Scriptures

Isa 53:6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

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Jesus declared the inspiration of the Old Testament

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Mat 5:18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

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Jesus declared the inspiration of the Old Testament

Mat 22:31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God:

Mat 22:32 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

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Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?"

Joh 10:35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Joh 10:36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

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Jesus declared the inspiration of the Old Testament

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

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