

## III. The Ministries Of The Holy Spirit

### A. Concerning Creation

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:1-2).

See also Job 26:13 and 33:4.

### B. Concerning the Bible

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21).

See also 2 Samuel 23:2; Isaiah 59:21; John 14:26; and 2 Timothy 3:15.

### C. Concerning the Nation of Israel

#### 1. The Spirit came upon its leaders

Notice what was said of Joseph: “And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?” (Genesis 41:38).

Similar statements are made of Moses, Joshua, Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Saul, David, Elijah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Azariah, Zechariah, and more.

#### 2. The Spirit came upon its elders

“And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.” (Numbers 11:25).

#### 3. The Spirit came upon those who worked on the tabernacle

“See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,” (Exodus 31:2-3).

#### 4. The Spirit helped Israel through the desert

“Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.” (Nehemiah 9:20).

#### 5. The Spirit will come upon Israel during the Tribulation

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:” (Joel 2:28).

#### 6. The Spirit will come upon Israel during the Millennium

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” (Zechariah 12:10).

## **D. Concerning the Devil**

“So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.” (Isaiah 59:19).

The Holy Spirit is currently acting as a Divine Dam, holding back and limiting the full power of Satan and of sin. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-14 describes what will happen when the Spirit is taken away and the devil is given free reign.

## **E. Concerning the Saviour**

### **1. The Saviour was begotten of the Holy Spirit**

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 1:18-20). See also Luke 1:35.

### **2. The Saviour was anointed by the Holy Spirit**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,” (Luke 4:18). See also Matthew 3:16; Acts 10:38; and Hebrews 1:9.

### **3. The Saviour was sealed by the Holy Spirit**

“Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” (John 6:27).

### **4. The Saviour was led by the Holy Spirit**

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.” (Matthew 4:1).

### **5. The Saviour was empowered by the Holy Spirit**

“But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.” (Matthew 12:28).

### **6. The Saviour was filled by the Holy Spirit**

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,” (Luke 4:1). See also John 3:34.

### **7. The Saviour offered Himself at Calvary through the Holy Spirit**

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14).

## **8. The Saviour was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit**

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Romans 8:11). Read also Romans 1:4 and 1 Peter 3:18.

## **9. The Saviour gave commandments by the Spirit of the Lord**

“Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:” (Acts 1:2).

## **F. Concerning Sinners**

### **1. He convicts the world of sin and unbelief**

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;” (John 16:8-9).

### **2. He convinces those who are ignorant of God’s righteousness**

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ...Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;” (John 16:8, 10). See also Romans 10:3.

### **3. He convicts the unsaved of judgment and eternal punishment**

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:... Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” (John 16: 8,11).  
See also Revelation 20:10.

### **4. He regenerates the believing sinner**

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;” (Titus 3:5).  
Also read John 3:1-8 and 1 Peter 1:23.

## **G. Concerning the Church**

### **1. He helped form it**

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

### **2. He inspires true worship**

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” (John 4:23).  
See also Philippians 3:3.

### **3. He directs missionary work**

“Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.” (Acts 8:29).  
See also Acts 13:2,4; 16:6-10

#### **4. He inspires its singing service**

1 Corinthians 14:15, 26

Ephesians 5:18-19

#### **5. He anoints preachers**

“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:” (1 Corinthians 2:4).

#### **6. He picks preachers**

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28).

#### **7. He warns members**

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;” (1 Timothy 4:1).

#### **8. He desires to make decisions**

“For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;” (Acts 15:28).

#### **9. He speaks to the churches**

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7). See also Revelation 2:11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.

#### **10. He desires to head up the visitation and evangelistic program**

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). Also read Revelation 22:17.