

THE HOLY SPIRIT. # 7

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF GOD'S LOVE AND WORK WITH HIS PEOPLE

JEREMIAH 11:7. For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

:10. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

:11. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

—pay careful attention to the way THE LORD responds to ISRAEL in their rebellious state.

—the Scriptures say, GOD earnestly protested against the Israelites. How did HE do that?

The HOLY SPIRIT would PLEAD with them through the prophets.

:10. (1) they are rebuked for returning to the sins of their forefathers.

(2) their forefathers were to hear and then obey GOD'S WORD.

(3) they went after and served other god's.

—imagine turning from THE GOD who had delivered them from Egyptian bondage.

—turning from the GOD who had gone before them in the conquest of the Land of Canaan.

—turning from the GOD who gave them a land that flowed with milk and honey.

—turning from the GOD who could meet their every spiritual need with HIS very presence,

give them HIS very peace, comfort, and rest, and answers their prayers,

give His blessing on their farms, flocks of sheep, and herds of cattle,

give them help in every problem,

give them victory in every battle,

and give them an Eternal Home in Heaven!

—what do other gods have to offer?

Ask Cain in GENESIS 4:1. — hate for those who obey GOD.

Read Job chapter one — satan hates that God blesses His obedient people.

Ask the demoniac of Gadara? — hate and enslavement of the physical body.

(4) Israel broke the Covenant that GOD had made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

—can you imagine saying NO to GOD.

I WILL NOT LIVE BY WHAT YOU ASK OF ME!

I WILL NOT SERVE YOU!

I WILL NOT WORSHIP YOU!

—to say NO to GOD is to say yes to satan, that is to choose him to be your god.

With that choice comes an eternal hell.

JEREMIAH 11:11. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I WILL NOT HEARKEN UNTO THEM.

—pity the people when the LORD says,

“They shall cry unto me, I will not harken unto them.”

GENESIS 6:3 My SPIRIT SHALL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN.

Steven in preaching just before his death reminds the Jews of their past history.

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ACTS 7:51. Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, YE DO ALWAYS RESIST THE HOLY GHOST: as your fathers did, so do ye.

—what does it mean to resist THE HOLY GHOST?

To oppose or strive against Him.

Contrast, JOSEPH WAS FAITHFUL IN VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

GENESIS 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man IN WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS?

:39. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch AS GOD HATH SHOWED THEE ALL THIS, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

:40. Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

:41. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

—how come a pagan Emperor could see the SPIRIT OF GOD in Joseph?

—are people able to see the SPIRIT OF GOD in you?

EXODUS 31:1. And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

:2. See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3. And I HAVE FILLED HIM WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

NEHEMIAH 9:20. THOU GAVEST ALSO THY GOOD SPIRIT TO INSTRUCT THEM, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

ISAIAH 44:3. For I will pour water upon HIM THAT IS THIRSTY, and floods upon the dry ground: I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON THY SEED, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

:4. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

ISAIAH 63:8. For he said, Surely they are MY PEOPLE, children that will not lie: so HE WAS THEIR SAVIOUR.

:9. In all their affliction HE was afflicted, and the angel of HIS presence saved them: in HIS LOVE and in HIS PITY HE REDEEMED THEM; and HE BORE THEM, and CARRIED THEM all the days of old.

:10. But THEY REBELLED, and VEXED HIS HOLY SPIRIT: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

:11. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is HE THAT PUT HIS HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN HIM?

In :10 ISRAEL “VEXED” GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT.

—“vexed” to hurt, to cause pain, to grieve.

—the word is also used to describe physical and emotional pain.

MICAH 3:8. But truly I AM FULL OF POWER BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

MATHEW 10:17. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

:18. And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

:19. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

:20. For it is not ye that speak, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER WHICH SPEAKETH IN YOU.
Same in MARK 13:11 & LUKE 12:12.

LUKE 2:25. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and THE HOLY GHOST WAS UPON HIM.

:26. And IT WAS REVEALED UNTO HIM BY THE HOLY GHOST, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

24:49. And, behold, I SEND THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.

JOHN 1:32. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

:33. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see THE SPIRIT DESCENDING, and remaining on him, the same is HE WHICH BAPTIZETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

:34. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

1. JESUS WOULD BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

3:5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

:4. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT is spirit.

2. A PERSON MUST BE BORN OF THE SPIRIT TO EXPERIENCE THE NEW BIRTH.

JOHN 4:14. But whosoever drinketh of THE WATER that I shall give him shall never thirst; but THE WATER that I shall give him shall be in him a WELL OF WATER springing up into everlasting life.

3. THE WATER IS A PICTURE OF CHRIST'S TEACHINGS, GRACE, AND MERCY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES REAL IN THE BELIEVERS HEART.

6:45. It is written in the prophets, And THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

:63. It is THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; the flesh profiteth nothing: THE WORDS that I speak unto you, THEY ARE SPIRIT, and THEY ARE LIFE.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A LIFE GIVING SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE CHRIST.

5. THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WORK IN HARMONY IN PRODUCING THE LIFE OF GOD IN THE PERSON WHO IS BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN 7:37. In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME AND DRINK!

:38. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER!

:39 (But THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, which they that believe on him should receive: for THE HOLY GHOST was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

6. JESUS IS PICTURED AS CALLING PEOPLE TO COME TO HIM AND DRINK OF THE WATER OF LIFE.

7. THOSE WHO COME TO JESUS TO DRINK, WILL HAVE RIVERS OF LIFE GIVING WATERS FLOWING FROM THEM.

8. THE WATER IS SIMPLY A PICTURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT BELIEVERS RECEIVE.

9. THE RIVERS PICTURE THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT POURING FROM A BELIEVER LIKE A RIVER. THAT WILL APPEAL TO OTHERS TO COME AND DRINK.

10. AMAZING HOW A DRINK WILL MULTIPLY INTO A RIVER OF BLESSING POURING FORTH.
(pictured in the 5 loaves and 2 fishes being multiplied)

JOHN 14:16. And I will pray THE FATHER, and he shall give you ANOTHER COMFORTER, that HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER;

:17. Even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth HIM not, neither knoweth HIM: but ye know HIM; for HE dwelleth WITH you, and shall be IN you.

:18. I WILL NOT leave you comfortless: I WILL COME TO YOU.

11. THE FATHER WILL GIVE ANOTHER COMFORTER. (another of the same kind)

12. THIS COMFORTER WILL ABIDE “WITH” AND “IN” THE BELIEVER FOREVER.

13. THIS COMFORTER WILL ALSO BE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

14. THIS COMFORTER WILL BE EQUAL TO THE VERY PERSON OF JESUS.

15:26. But WHEN THE COMFORTER IS COME, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, which proceedeth from the Father, HE shall testify of me:

15. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL TESTIFY OF THE PERSON, JESUS!

—a SPIRIT FILLED preacher will speak often of JESUS.

JOHN 16:7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, THE COMFORTER will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send HIM unto you.

:8. And when HE is come, HE will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

:9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

:10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

:11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

15. THE COMFORTER WILL,

— REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN. (rebuke, convince)

—AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. (correctness of thinking, feeling and acting)
(a state approved of God)

—AND OF JUDGEMENT. (a sentence of condemnation, damnation, punishment)

:13. Howbeit when HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IS COME, HE will guide you into all truth: for HE shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever HE shall hear, that shall HE speak: and HE will show you things to come.

:14. HE shall glorify me: for HE shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

16. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL GUIDE INTO ALL TRUTH.

17. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL REVEAL THE FUTURE. (Math 24,25, Revelation)

18. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL GLORIFY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.