

The Wonder of the Spirit

The Work of the Spirit in the Old Testament

Lecture 3

The Spirit of God is introduced in the second verse of the Bible (Genesis 1.2).

How can we be sure that the Spirit of God is the same as the Holy Spirit? Why is the expression “Holy Spirit” found in only two places in the Old Testament (Psalm 51.11; Isaiah 63.10-11)?

Proverbs 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

The Spirit’s Body of Work

Origin of Life

Psalm 104:29-30; Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4

What does *ruach* mean?

Convicts of Sin

Nehemiah 9:30; Genesis 6:3

Empowers Service

The work of God among people is a spiritual and supernatural work. Therefore, the Holy Spirit gave enablement to Old Testament craftsmen and leaders.

Bazalel

Exodus 31:3-5

Joshua

Numbers 27:18

Gideon

Judges 6:34

Samson

Judges 14:6

Dictated Prophecy

The Old Testament prophets repeated the messages the Holy Spirit put into their hearts.

David

2 Samuel 23:2

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:2

Inspired Holiness

Psalms 143:10; Ezekiel 36:27

Instilled Anticipation for the Messiah

How did the people know to expect a Messiah who would deliver them from suffering and death, and reign gloriously forever? The Holy Spirit revealed God's plan for the future.

Isaiah 42:1-9 (see Matt 12:18-21); Isaiah 11:1-5; Isaiah 61:1-2 (see also Luke 4:18-19)

Instilled Anticipation of the Age of the Spirit

Joel 2:28-29 (See Acts 2:16-21)

Application

1. Without the *ruach*, we do not have life (1 Corinthians 11:30).
2. With the Spirit, we are never outnumbered; never incompetent.
3. Be expectant of the Holy Spirit's working.