

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. CREATION

- 1.1. *Definition:* The Holy Spirit was involved with the work of creation.
- 1.2. **Genesis 1:2**
- 1.3. **Ps 33:6** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- 1.4. **Job 26:13** By his wind the heavens were made fair; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.
- 1.5. **Ps 104:29-30** When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. [30] When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

2. DIVINE DISCLOSURE

- 2.1. *Definition:* In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit had the role of inspiring prophets of God.
- 2.2. **Revelation:** the Holy Spirit revealing God and God's message to His people through men.
 - 2.2.1. **2 Samuel 23:1-2**
 - 2.2.2. **Ezekiel 2:1-2** [2:1] And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." [2] And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.
 - 2.2.3. **Ezekiel 8:1-3**
 - 2.2.4. **Micah 3:8** [8] But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.
- 2.3. **Inspiration.**
 - 2.3.1. **Matt 22:43; Heb 3:7**
 - 2.3.2. **Acts 28:25** [25] And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet . . .
 - 2.3.3. **2 Peter 1:19-21**

3. SPECIAL ENABLEMENT FOR SERVICE

- 3.1. *Definition:* The Holy Spirit enabled men for special work that they could not have done without his supernatural empowering.
- 3.2. **Interpretation of Dreams** in Gen 41:38
- 3.3. **Skill in Tabernacle Construction**
 - 3.3.1. **Ex 31:2-6**
 - 3.3.2. **Ex 35:30-33**
 - 3.3.3. **Zech 4:6**
- 3.4. **Administration:** Num 27:15-20
- 3.5. **Poetic Ability:** 2 Samuel 23:1-2

4. THEOCRATIC ANOINTING.

- 4.1. *Definition:* Theocratic anointing is the temporary ministry of the Holy Spirit on theocratic rulers of the kingdom in order that they would know and do the will of God.
- 4.2. **Moses**
 - 4.2.1. Num 11:17
 - 4.2.2. Ex 19:9; Num 12:8
- 4.3. **Joshua** Deut 34:9
- 4.4. **The Judges**
 - 4.4.1. **Othniel** Judges 3:10
 - 4.4.2. **Gideon.** Judges 6:34
 - 4.4.3. **Jephthah** Judges 11:29

4.4.4. **Samson.** Judges 13:24-25

4.4.5. This ministry of the Spirit is

4.4.5.1. Not particular moral in character,

4.4.5.2. Often resulted in great physical ability, and

4.4.5.3. Was connected with the regal functions the judges had as mediatorial rulers in Israel's government.

4.5. Likewise, 1 Samuel tells us of the Spirit coming upon and eventually leaving **King Saul**.

4.5.1. 1 Sam 11:5; 1 Sam 10:6; 10

4.5.2. 1 Samuel 16:13-14 [13] Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. [14] Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him.

4.6. So the Spirit leaves Saul and comes upon **David** at his anointing in 1 Sam 16:13.

4.6.1. Psa 51:11, "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."

4.6.2. **Solomon?** (1 Kings 3:7-12).

4.7. **Jesus.**

4.7.1. **Isa 11:2**

4.7.2. Virgin birth of Jesus Matt 1:18; Luke 1:34-35

4.7.3. Matt 3:16

5. THE OLD TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

5.1. *Definition:* the Old Testament prophets foretold of a future ministry of the Holy Spirit

5.2. With **the Messiah**.

5.2.1. Isaiah 11.

5.2.2. Isa in 42:1,

5.2.3. Isaiah 61:1-2

5.3. In cleansing **Israel**.

5.3.1. The 70th week of Daniel (Dan 9:24-27; cf. Jer 30:7; Matt 24:21)

5.3.2. Isaiah 4:2-4

5.4. Poured out upon all Israel.

5.4.1. **Isa 32:15-16**

5.4.2. **Isa 44:1-5**

5.4.3. **Ezekiel 39:28-29**

5.4.4. **Joel 2:28-29** (cf. Acts 2:14-16)

5.4.5. **Zech 12:10, 13:1**

5.5. The Holy Spirit is active in Regeneration and the New Covenant.

5.5.1. **Ezekiel 36:24-28** (cf. **John 3; Ezek 37:14**)

6. A COUPLE MORE ISSUES

6.1. Were Old Testament saints regenerated by the Holy Spirit?

6.2. But were Old Testament saints *indwelt* by the Holy Spirit?

7. SO WHAT?