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God's Return on His Investment

Session 28

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Expect a return

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1,2 (26)

Job 33:4

Exodus 31:1–5 (Bezalel)

Numbers 11: 25-29 (Elders)

Judges

3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 14:6, 19, 15:14

1 Samuel

10:6, 10, 16:14 (Saul) 16:13 (David)

2 Samuel 23:2 (David)

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Deuteronomy 34:9 (Joshua)

Isaiah 61:1 (Jesus)

Here's a clear way to think about The Holy Spirit's purpose and functions:

1. God's Presence with People

The Holy Spirit represents God being **personally present and active** in the world today – not distant or abstract, but involved in everyday life.

2. Guide and Teacher (John 16:13)

The Spirit is believed to:

- Help people understand spiritual truth
 - Give wisdom and discernment
 - Remind believers of teachings associated with Jesus Christ
- Many Christians describe this as an inner sense of conviction or clarity.

3. Source of Spiritual Transformation (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

The Holy Spirit is said to **change a person from within**, shaping character toward qualities like:

- Love
- Patience
- Kindness
- Self-control

(This idea is often called the “fruit of the Spirit.”)

4. Empowerment for Action (Acts 1:8)

In the New Testament, especially in the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit empowers believers to:

- Speak boldly
- Serve others
- Carry out God's work

5. Comforter and Advocate

The Spirit is often described as a **comforter** – someone who:

- Brings peace in difficult times (John 14:15, 16)
- Offers reassurance (John 14:18)
- Strengthens people during struggles (Romans 8:27, 28)

6. Conviction and Moral Awareness

The Holy Spirit is believed to: (John 16:8)

- Help people recognize right and wrong (Romans 8:14)
- Encourage repentance and growth (Galatians 5:16)

7. Connection Between God and Humanity

The Spirit acts as a kind of bridge, allowing people to experience a relationship with God in a direct, personal way. (Romans 8:15–16)

The Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are traditionally defined as permanent dispositions or supernatural habits that make a person humble to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, perfecting virtues to help believers follow Christ. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

- Wisdom:** The highest gift, allowing one to judge divine things and see life from God's perspective.
- Understanding:** Provides intuitive insight into the truths of faith, grasping the meaning of God's message.
- Counsel:** Acts as a spiritual guide, helping to discern the best way to act according to God's will in specific situations.
- Fortitude:** Gives supernatural courage and strength to overcome obstacles, endure trials, and act on faith.
- Knowledge:** Enables us to know the true value of creation in relation to the Creator, seeing things as God sees them.
- Piety:** Fosters a personal, loving, and deep religious relationship with God, encouraging obedience and reverence.
- Fear of the Lord:** A profound awe, respect, and wonder before God, fostering a fear of separating oneself from Him.

Summer Session Bible Study



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