

# The Holy Spirit

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# **Holy Spirit in the OT**

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**WEEK 3**

# Review: Personality

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## *How do we know He is a Person?*

1. The Covenant (Mt. 28:19-20)
2. The Baptism of Christ (Mt. 3:16)
3. His Personal Properties
4. His Works

# Review: Deity

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## *How do we know He is God?*

- He is Called God
- He has Divine Attributes
- Trinitarian Theology Leads to it

# Review: Works in the Trinity

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**Father – *origination***

**Son – *obtaining/performing***

**Spirit – *applying/perfecting***

# Review: Holy Spirit & Creation

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- Heaven and angels
- Earth and creature
- Man

# **General Works in the Old Testament**

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# Works in Reference to New Creation

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1. Preparatory to Christ
2. Difference is in *degree*, not substance
3. General spiritual blessings



# Preparatory Works

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- New Creation (Post-Fall) begins with Genesis 3:15
- There is nothing excellent among men... but it is ascribed to the Holy Spirit of God, as immediate operator and efficient cause of it.
- All preparatory to the work of the new creation in and by Christ

*“The principal advantage of the present state above that which is past, next to the coming of Christ in the flesh, consists in the pouring out of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples of Christ in a larger manner than formerly.”*

*(John Owen, Works III.151)*



# General Spiritual Blessings

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## Teaching Good

- Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! (Psalm 143:10)

## Guiding the believer

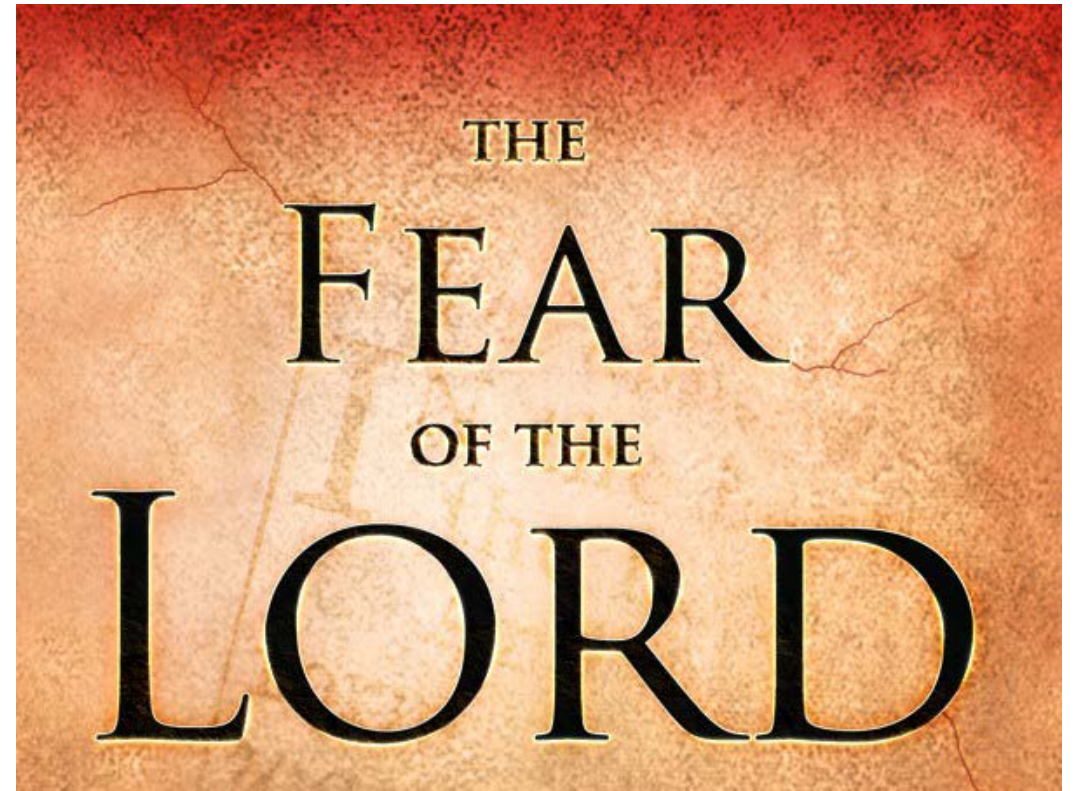
- You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. (Neh. 9:20)

# General Works in OT

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## Fear of the Lord

- And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
(Isaiah 11:2)



# **Extraordinary Works in the Old Testament**

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# Extraordinary

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**Prophecy**

**Writing of Scripture**

**Miracles**





# Prophecy - prepare for Christ

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<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the **Spirit of Christ in them was indicating** when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you **by the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. (1 Peter 1:9-12)

# Prophecy – How God Works

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## Promise and Fulfillment

- Genesis 3:15
- Romans 15:8

In a sense, all prophecy is a confirmation of that promise



# Prophecy – it began

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## At the very beginning

- Adam needed revelation to worship

## Even before the writing of the OT

- Enoch (Jude 14, 15)
- Abraham (Genesis 20:7)
- as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, (Luke 1:70)

# Prophecy – immediate effect

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- Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit**. (2 Peter 1:20–21)
- Also Micah 3:8; 2 Samuel 23:2

# Prophecy – immediate effect

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- Therefore, **as the Holy Spirit says**, "Today, if you hear his voice, (Hebrews 3:7)"
- again he appoints a certain day, "Today," **saying through David** so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."  
(Hebrews 4:7)

# Prophecy

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They departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet (Acts 28:25)

# Revelation

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## Voices

- Ex. 33:11; Num. 12:8;  
1 Kings 19:12-18

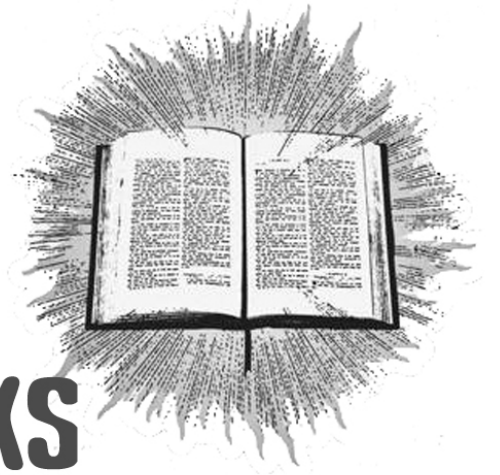
## Dreams

- Genesis 15:12-16; Daniel 10:9

## Visions

- Isaiah 6:1-4; Jeremiah 1:11-16

**Revelation  
God Speaks**



# Writing of Scripture

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- Giving knowledge of things communicated
- Suggestion of words to express
- Guiding their hands in setting down the words

# Miracles

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- Holy Spirit is the sole author
- Purpose is to confirm the Word
- Never apart from the Word

# **“Ordinary” Works in the Old Testament**

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# “Ordinary Works”

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Political Abilities

Moral Abilities

Natural Abilities

Intellectual Abilities

# The Holy Spirit in New Testament

AND THEY  
WERE ALL FILLED  
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER  
TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE  
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ACTS 2:4

**NEXT WEEK**