



# Lesson 3 – 7 Spirits of God



#### Old Testament

Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked *for someone* to take pity, but *there was* none; And for **comforters**, but I found none. Psalm 69:20

Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no comforter— On the side of their oppressors *there is* power, But they have no comforter.

Ecclesiastes 4:1

Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts; She did not consider her destiny; Therefore her collapse was awesome; She had no comforter. Lamentations 1:9

"For these *things* I weep; My eye, my eye overflows with water; Because the **comforter**, who should restore my life, Is far from me. Lamentations 1:16

It shall come to pass *that* all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?' Where shall I seek comforters for you?" Nahum 3:7



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#### New Testament

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. Matthew 3:16-17

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1-3

<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter), that He may abide with you forever—John 14:15-16

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper (Comforter), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things,—John 14:26



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Are you saying that as a Believer, I receive the same Spirit (Comforter) as Christ?



When the Day of **Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. Acts 2:2-4



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- When We Receive the Holy Spirit, We Receive the Power.
- However, the Power of the Holy Spirit Cannot Go Into Action Without the Authority's Approval.
- For Example, A Policeman Is Given the Power to Pull You Over; However, His Power to Do So Is Provided By the Authority of the Law.
- The Policeman's Power is Only as Great as the Authority.
- If the Authority (Law) is Weak, Then The Policeman's Power is Weak.



So, Who Is the Holy Spirit's Authority?



- Jesus said, "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

  Matthew 28:18
  - God gave Jesus all authority over the Holy Spirit' power.
  - By abiding in (being one with) Christ, the Holy Spirit's power in us is great.
  - However, if we slip away from Christ, the Holy Spirit's power is diminished.
- Second, the Holy Spirit's power responds to the will of the Authority, not to our will, for we have no authority.
  - This is why we must be "Christ-like," and
  - By doing so, we take on His authority, thus having the ability to enact the Holy Spirit's power in us.
- Our will must be the will of Christ. It is then we can say "By the Authority Given to Me in the Name of Jesus Christ, I Command..."



There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> 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 of the fear of
the LORD. ISAIAH 11:1-2



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#### Spirit of Knowledge.

- The Spirit of **Knowledge** is the ability to collect facts as it pertains to a particular subject.
  - Example 1: Many have knowledge of the Chapters of the Bible, the main characters of Bible, scripture references and even where scripture can be found in the Bible.
  - Example 2: We may have knowledge of many subjects and topics in life, whether it be politics, science, or religion.
- Knowledge is a matter of intellectual capacity and awareness of things.
- Spirit of Knowledge is to have awareness.



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#### Spirit of Understanding.

- The Spirit of **Understanding** is different from the Spirit of **Knowledge**.
- Knowledge is awareness, while understanding is <u>interpretation</u> of the knowledge.
  - Example 1: You may be aware of scripture references; however, may not have the understanding of what the scripture means.
  - Example 2: We know we are not to be prideful; however, may not have the understanding to why we are not be prideful relative to our life's purpose.
- Understanding is also to feel another person's predicament or circumstances, even when the person experiencing the predicament may not understand the meaning behind predicament.



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#### Spirit of Wisdom.

- The Spirit of Wisdom is to have situational insight, and with it, be assured of its outcome.
- Wisdom also combines knowledge and understanding to achieve resolution.
  - Example 1: We may have knowledge of what war is and we may understand the consequences of war; however, wisdom is knowing how to prevent the war or if the war is to be fought, what must be considered and implemented to win the war.
  - Example 2: We may have knowledge of the dangers our children face, and understand the consequences if our children to not follow our guidance. Wisdom is having the ability to see a situation develop and know in advance of its



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#### Spirit of Counsel.

- The Spirit of Counsel is to the ability to communicate God's will in a meaningful and relevant way.
- Counsel is being able to take one's knowledge, interpretation of the knowledge (understanding), and application of its intent (wisdom) to guide someone's path.
  - Example 1: We may counsel people to be patient based on our knowledge of God's call for us to be patient, with the understanding that we must be willing to wait to understand God's will before we act, with the wisdom (insight) that the purpose of being patience builds our faith (trust) in God, thus oneness with Him.



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#### Spirit of Strength.

- The Spirit of Strength is to the ability to endure and persevere to achieve God's will in our lives.
- It is the Spirit of Strength that gives us the ability to overcome our frailties and to be healed.
- The Spirit of Strength makes us resilient to the affects of demonic attacks and to be able to "fight the good fight" for God's glory and according to His will.
  - Example 1: Despite our instinct to flee or ignore situations, we stand firm in the wake of the chaos, knowing we will prevail, and even be further strengthened by the experience.
  - Example 2: Spiritual strength is also having the strength to restrain ourselves, knowing our involvement will contribute to making a situation worse.



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#### Spirit of Fear of the Lord.

- The Spirit of Fear is to recognize and have great reverence to God's Holiness (perfectness).
- The Spirit of Fear is to the ability to recognize God's "Almightiness."
  - Example 1: God's All Powerfulness (Omnipotence).
  - Example 2: God's All Presence (Omnipresence).
  - Example 3: God's All Knowing (Omniscience)
  - Example 4: God's Loving (Omnibenevolence).
- The Spirit of Fear is also knowing the consequences of being separated from God: Giver of Life, Giver of Sustainment, Giver of Strength, Giver of Mercy, Giver of Love.



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#### Spirit of the Lord.

- Spirit of the Lord is having an intimate relationship with Christ and to know and understand His commandments of love. It is to know that love:
  - Is patient.
  - Is kind
  - Does not envy
  - Does not boast, or is not proud (self-centered).
  - Does not delight in evil
  - Rejoices with the truth.
  - Never fails
- The Spirit of the Lord is to know the Father and His will for us.
- The Spirit of the Lord gives us hope, knowing that all God's promises will be fulfilled.
- The Spirit of the Lord gives us comfort knowing we will, as Believers, have eternal life.



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Are You Saying That When We Received The Holy Spirit, We Received All Seven of His Spirits?



#### ANSWER: Yes, we did receive His Spirits!

- "Let Us Make Man in Our Image, and According to Our Likeness;" Genesis 1:26.
  - We were made in His image
  - We were made in His "Likeness" His nature, in order to receive His Spirit and with it, know Him, understand Him, Love Him, and above all, be ONE WITH HIM and EACH OTHER.



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- We Must Only:
  - Believe In,
  - Abide In and
  - Go in Faith to the One He Sent.
- "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5
- "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love." John 15:9
- "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends." John 15:15







