



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 12, 2023

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

Today

Our Next Gospel Meeting

March 19-24

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

February 3, 7:30

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

When we think about the Holy Spirit most of us probably think about the New Testament. That's certainly not surprising as we're given much information about him there. However, it is good to be reminded that the Holy Spirit is active throughout the Old Testament as well.

Though some interpret it a bit differently, I believe we find the Holy Spirit in the second verse of the Bible. "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." (1:2) In 6:3 we find this statement: "My Spirit shall not abide in (or "contend with") man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." I take this to mean that the Spirit was abiding, or contending, with man in some unspecified way very early in man's existence.

Moving forward in the history of mankind we come to the nation of Israel, God's chosen covenant people. The Holy Spirit was quite active amongst them. Sometimes he would fill the prophets so that they could speak on God's behalf to the people. (2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Peter 1:19-21) At other times the Spirit would fill people so as to equip them with the necessary skill, ability, and knowledge to perform a certain function. (Numbers 11:17; Exodus 31:1-5; Judges 6:34, etc.)

What I find most interesting and significant about the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament is the number of prophecies that point ahead to a *new* work that would happen in the future. Ezekiel 36:25-27 says, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Sophie Brown, Fay Thomas, Glen Perkins, Edra Bernard, Valari Jones-Butler (Valari is Gina Seabolt's former co-worker. Her daughter is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Her 21 year old nephew was killed in a shooting), Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

To Our Guests

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from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” A more famous prophecy comes from Joel 2:28-29. “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on your male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.” (see Acts 2:17-18)

Jesus, too, had things to say to his disciples about the Holy Spirit and his work with all believers in the days ahead. Luke 11:13 and John 7:37-39 are examples.

The Holy Spirit was present and active in Old Testament times. Through prophecy we learn that he would continue to be active in new ways moving forward. We will talk more about that in the future.

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