



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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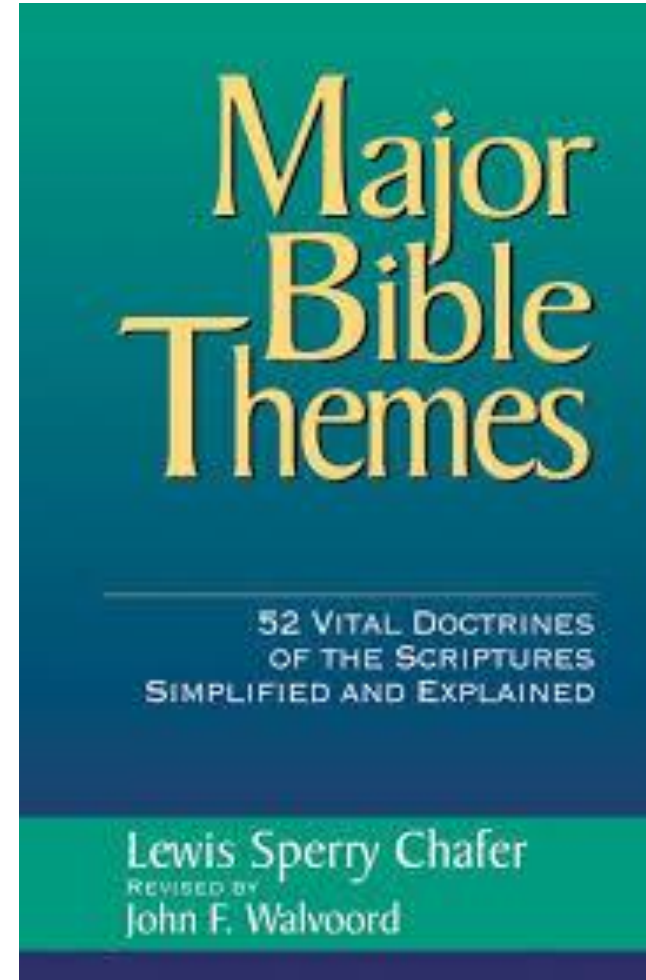
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Chapter Fifteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Advent

Step # One Chapter Fifteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Advent

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter Fifteen Outline

A. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

B. The Holy Spirit during the life of Christ on the Earth

C. The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

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Understand It



God the Holy Spirit: His Advent

The coming of the Spirit into the world on the day of Pentecost must be seen in relationship to His work in previous dispensations. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was in the world as the omnipresent God; yet He is said to come into the world on the day of Pentecost. During the present age He is said to remain in the world but will depart out of the world - in the same sense as He came on the day of Pentecost - when the rapture of the church occurs. In order to understand this truth of the Holy Spirit, various aspects of the Spirit's relationship to the world should be considered

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A. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Throughout the extended period before the first coming of Christ, the Spirit was present in the world in the same sense in which He is present everywhere, and He worked in and through the people of God according to His divine will. In the Old Testament the Spirit of God seen to have a relationship to the creation of the world. He had a part in the revelation of divine truth to the saints and prophets. He inspired the Scriptures which were written, and had a ministry to the world in general in restraining sin, in enabling believers for service, and in performing miracles.

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All these activities indicate that the Spirit was very active in the Old Testament; however, there is no evidence in the Old Testament that the Holy Spirit indwelt every believer. Likewise, there is no mention of the sealing work of the Spirit or of the baptism of the Holy Spirit prior to the day of Pentecost. Accordingly, it may be anticipated that after Pentecost there would be a greater work of the Spirit than in preceding ages.

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B. The Holy Spirit during the life of Christ on the Earth

I. In relation to Christ, the Spirit was the generating power by which the God-man was formed in the virgin's womb. The Spirit is also seen descending, in the form of a dove, upon Christ as the time of His baptism. And again, it is revealed that it was only through the eternal Spirit that Christ offered Himself to God.

2. The relation of the Spirit to men during the earthly ministry of Christ was progressive. Christ first gave assurance to His disciples that they might receive the Spirit by asking. Though the Spirit had previously come upon men according to the sovereign will of God, His presence in the human heart had never before been conditioned upon asking, and this new privilege was never claimed at that time by any one, as far as the record goes.

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At the close of His ministry and just before His death, Christ said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth". Likewise, after His resurrection the Lord breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost"; but in spite of this temporary gift of the Spirit they were to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power permanently from on high.

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C. The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
As promised by the Father and by the Son the Spirit, who as the Omnipresent One had always been in the world, came into the world on the day of Pentecost. The force of this seeming repetition of ideas is seen when it is understood that His coming on the day of Pentecost was that He might make His abode in the world. God the Father, though omnipresent is, as to His abode, "Our Father which art in heaven". Likewise, God the Son, though omnipresent as to His abode now, is seated at the right hand of God. In like manner the Spirit, though omnipresent, is now as to His abode tabernacling here on the earth. The taking up of His abode on the earth was the sense in which the Spirit came on the day of Pentecost.

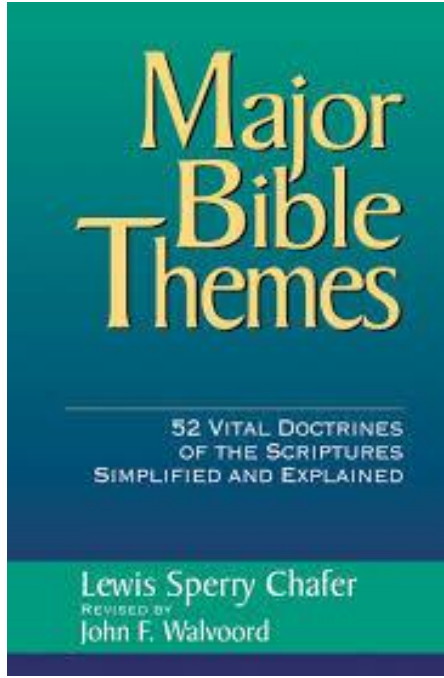
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His dwelling place was changed from heaven to earth. It was for this coming of the Spirit into the world that the disciples were told to wait. The new ministry of this age of grace could not begin apart from the coming of the Spirit. In the chapters which follow, the work of the Spirit in the present age will be presented. The Spirit of God first of all has a ministry to the world. Here He is revealed as convicting the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. This work which prepares an individual to accept Christ intelligently is a special work of the Spirit, a work of grace, which enlightens the Satan-blinded mind of unbelieving men, in respect to these three great doctrines.

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible teach about the Holy Spirit's Advent?

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Using Major Bible Themes
write a study explaining the
Advent of the Holy Spirit

Memorize it

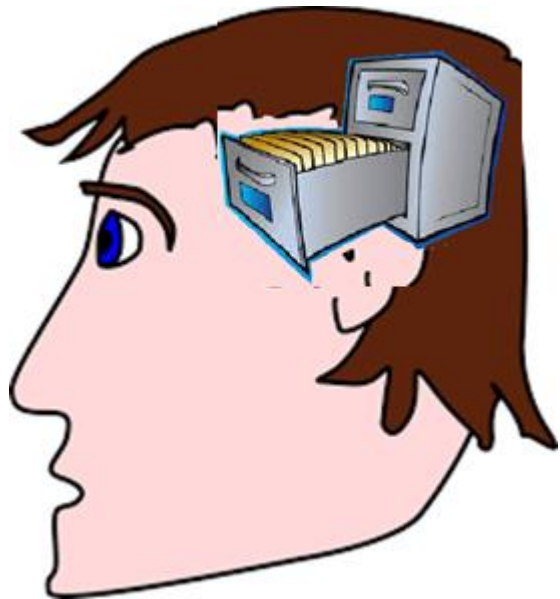
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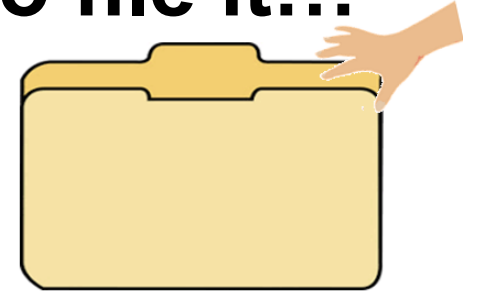


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A. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

To file it...



Write it Down

B. The Holy Spirit during the life of Christ on the Earth



C. The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



A. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

He worked in and through the people of God according to His divine will

Gen 41:38 *And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?*

Exo 31:3 *And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,*

Exo 35:31 *And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;*

Num 27:18 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;*

Job 33:4 *The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*

Psa 139:7 *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*

Hag 2:5 *According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.*

Zec 4:6 *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

B. The Holy Spirit during the life of Christ on the Earth

No evidence in the Old Testament that the Holy Spirit indwelt every believer.

Joh 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he **dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

The Spirit was the generating power by which the God-man was formed in the virgin's womb.

Luke 1:35 *And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.***

Through the eternal Spirit Christ offered Himself to God

Heb 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

The relation of the Spirit to men during the earthly ministry of Christ was progressive

1. Received the Spirit by asking .

Luke 11:13 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

2. Promised

Joh 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

3. After His resurrection the Lord breathed on them to give the Spirit

Joh 20:22 *And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

4. Told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power permanently from on high .

Luke 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

C. The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Promised by the Father

Joh 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;*

Promised by the Son

Joh 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, **I will send him unto you.***

God the Father's locational presence is in heaven

Mat 6:9 *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father **which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name.*

God the Son's locational presence is seated at the right hand of God

Heb 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high;*

God the Holy Spirit's locational presence is now on earth .

Joh 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he **dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

The Spirit of God first of all has a ministry to the world

Joh 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

Joh 16:8 *And when he is come, he will reprove(convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

Joh 16:9 *Of sin, because they believe not on me;*

Joh 16:10 *Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;*

Joh 16:11 *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

The sin of unbelief is the sin which prevents his salvation

Joh 3:18 *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

The Spirit of God first of all has a ministry to the world

The Holy Spirit is said to regenerate every believer (John 3:3-7, 36).

Joh 3:5 *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Joh 3:8 *The wind blows where it wills, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goes: so is **every one that is born of the Spirit**.*

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer

Joh 7:38 *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly shall flow rivers of living water**.*

Joh 7:39 *(But this spoke he of the Spirit, **which they that believe on him should receive**: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

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Act 11:15 *And as I began to speak, the **Holy Ghost fell on them**, as on us at the beginning.*

Rom 5:5 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by **the Holy Ghost which is given unto us**.*

Rom 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

1Co 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the **temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

The Spirit of God first of all has a ministry to the world

The Holy Spirit is our seal unto the day of redemption

Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.*

Every child of God is baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit

1Co 12:13 *For by **one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter 15:

God the Holy Spirit: His Advent

1. In what sense was the Holy Spirit in the world before Pentecost?

He is omnipresent

2. What important works of the Holy Spirit are found in the Old Testament?

He empowered people for special service

3. Distinguish the meaning of the Holy Spirit being "with" the Old Testament saints in contrast to the present age, when the Holy Spirit is "in" them.

He was with people to empower for special service, but now He lives in Believers to empower them

5. How is the Holy Spirit related to the conception and birth of Christ?

The Holy Spirit came upon Mary to bring conception

6. What ministry did the Holy Spirit have in the period of the gospels?

He had a part in the revelation of divine truth to the saints and prophets. He inspired the Scriptures which were written, and had a ministry to the world in general in restraining sin, in enabling believers for service, and in performing miracles.

7. Why did the disciples have to wait until Pentecost for the coming of the Spirit even though the Lord had breathed on them

After His resurrection the Lord breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" but in spite of this temporary gift of the Spirit they were to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power permanently from on high

8. In what sense did the promise of Christ of giving another Comforter who would abide with the disciples forever promise a new ministry of the Spirit?

Though the Spirit had previously come upon men according to the sovereign will of God, His presence in the human heart had never before been conditioned upon asking, and this new privilege was never claimed at that time by any one, as far as the record goes.

9. In what sense did the Holy Spirit come on the day of Pentecost, and how does this relate to His omnipresence?

The Spirit, though omnipresent, is now as to His abode tabernacling here on the earth. The taking up of His abode on the earth was the sense in which the Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. His dwelling place was changed from heaven to earth.

10. What three doctrines are taught by the Spirit in convicting the world?

(1) The ultimate sin is unbelief (2) Christ's sacrifice was sufficient because He could return to the Father (3) Satan and sin are judged

11. In coming on the day of Pentecost, what important works of the Spirit are contemplated?

His indwelling, baptizing, sealing, teaching, empowering

12. Where is the home of the Father and the Son during the present age?

The Father is in heaven; The Son is at the right hand

13. Where is the home of the Holy Spirit during the present age?

In each believer

14. What change in the ministry of the Spirit will take place at the time of the rapture?

When the purpose of God in this age is brought to completion by the rapture of the church, the Holy Spirit will have accomplished the purpose of His special advent into the world and will depart from the world in the same sense that He came on the day of Pentecost

15. Will the Holy Spirit continue to work in the earth after the rapture?

MBT: The Holy Spirit will continue to be omnipresent and will continue a work after the rapture similar to that which was true before the day of Pentecost

Mike Borland: During the tribulation Joel say's He will pour out His Spirit. The OT saints looked forward to the New Covenant which includes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

16. What may be expected of the ministry of the Spirit in the millennial kingdom?

He also will in the kingdom age - which will have its own special characteristics and probably will include all the ministries of the Holy Spirit in the present age except that of the baptism of the Spirit.

17. How important is the ministry of the Spirit to the present purpose of God?

The coming of the Spirit should be regarded as an important event, essential to the work of God in the present age, even as the coming of Christ is essential to salvation and God's ultimate purpose to provide salvation for the whole world and especially for those who will believe.

18. What will be the Holy Spirit's function in Heaven?

Both God the Father and God the Son are portrayed as reigning on thrones in Heaven. We can surmise that the Holy Spirit will be involved in creating the new heavens and New Earth (Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 32:15). He may continue to indwell believers (John 16:7). He'll empower us to rule wisely with Christ (Deuteronomy 34:9; Judges 3:10). He will likely still move our hearts to glorify and worship the Father and the Son (John 16:14; Revelation 19:1-10). Again, first and foremost, the Holy Spirit will continue forever with Father and Son the Triune Godhead (Genesis 1:26; Hebrews 9:14). Every time we worship God, in all that we do, we will be bringing praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.