

LESSON 13

The Holy Spirit Divinity

Objective : To be transformed in to the likeness of God by understanding the divinity of the Holy Spirit and also with every increasing glory.

Bible Portion : Psalms : 139, Jn 16:7-15

Memory Verse : 2 Cori 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Introduction:

Who paid the ransom for the men who became cursed of sin? Holy Spirit transforms the redeemed ones in to the likeness of God. In the trinity, Holy Spirit also joins with the Father and the Son. The Bible

tells about the divine hood of the Holy Spirit. Let us think of the realities related to the Holy Spirit with prayer

The divine hood of the Holy Spirit is revealed through the names given to it God (Act 5:3-4). It is very clear that Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit, (v.3) and to God (v.4). By lying to the Holy Spirit, he lied to God. So, the Holy Spirit is God

- b) The spirit of God (1Cori 1:16, Rom 8:9)
- c) The Spirit of Yahweh (Is.11:2)
- d) The Spirit of the Lord (Is 61:1)
- e) The Spirit of the living God (2 Cori 3:3)
- f) The Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9)

In the same verse, the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of God and the Christ. It shows the unity of the Holy Spirit with the father and the son, and also of the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

g) The Spirit of the son (Gala. 4:6).The term refers to the unity of Holy Spirit with the Son. It also indicates the son hood for the believers

- h) The Spirit of Jesus Christ (Act 2:32-33)
- i) The Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:7)
- j) The Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13, Act 4:2)

The name 'Holy' is given only to God. In Isaiah 6:3, Seraphs were calling to one another that Holy is the Lord Almighty. They called it for three times. It meant for the father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is God and Holy.

k) The Eternal Spirit; Eternity is the divine quality so the Eternal Holy Spirit is God.

l) In addition to all the names, Holy Spirit is given another names also The Spirit of holiness (Rom.1:5), the Spirit of truth (Jn. 14:7), the spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), the Spirit of grace (Heb 10:19), the Spirit of glory (1Pet 4:4), Counselor from God (Jn.15:26). All these names show the divine hood and quality of God.

2) The Holy Spirit has the quality of God. so it is God

a) Eternity (Heb 9:14)

b) Omnipresent (Ps 139:7-10)

c) Omni potent (Lk 1:35)

d) Omniscient (1Cori 2:10 -11, Jn 16:12 -13, 14:26)

3) The Holy Spirit works as God works.

a) Creation: The Holy Spirit is the partner of the creation of the World and its sustaining (Gen. 1:12, Job 33:4, Ps. 104:30)

b) Giver of life (Job 33:4, Rom. 5:4, Gen 2:7)

c) Giver of the word of God (2 Pet. 1:20 -21)

d) Revealer of the mysteries of God (1Cori. 2:9 -10)

4) The term Yahweh is used in the Old Testament prophesies. When it is retold in the New Testament, the word Yahweh has been translated in to the Holy Spirit. (Refer Is 6; 8-10, Act 28;25-27). Here thus says the Lord has been translated into the Holy Spirit speaks. The words of Yahweh in Psalms 95: 8-11 is mentioned in Hebrews 3:7-9 as the word of the Holy Spirit.

5) The name of the Holy Spirit is told along with the name of the Lord in many verses of the Bible.

It is because the Holy Spirit is God (Mt.28:19, 2 Cori 13:14, 1Cori 12:4-6, 1Jn. 5:7-9)

The Holy Spirit has been sent to us, in order to stay with us to administer us and to cloth us with the glory of God. It is one among the trinity. We must bother about this always. Then only, we can realize the greatness of the ministry of the Holy Spirit continuously? How far you are faithful in keeping the temple of the Spirit Holy? Let us submit ourselves to be transformed into the likeness of God and also to increase in glory.

‘As the clay to the potter,

I give myself to the hand of God

Mould me and build me

According to thy will’

Questions

1. By telling the divine name of the Holy Spirit, explain its divine hood?
2. Explain the divine qualities of the Holy Spirit with help of the verses?
3. Explain two Bible verses where 'Yahweh' in Old Testament has been translated into 'Holy Spirit' in New Testament? What does it reveal?
4. Write four Bible verses where the name of the Holy Spirit is told with the name of God?
5. It is necessary to understand the divine hood of the Holy Spirit, what your opinion on this statement?