

LESSON 12

The Holy Spirit

- Objective** : Experience the spirit-filled life by growing in the wisdom of God, the holy spirit.
- Bible Portion** : Jn.14:15-27,15:26-27,16:5-15
- Memory Verse** : Jn.14:16,26

And I will ask the father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever.

But, the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Introduction:

We saw about the unique Christ in the previous lesson. We should live and work as strong witnesses of Jesus, who is our Lord and saviour. How we will get the Power? (Read Acts.1:8) Every believer has to experience the baptism of the holy spirit and the spirit filled life. What

idea comes to your mind when you hear the term 'Holy Spirit'? Some consider the holy spirit as an invisible power working in the believers. Is it right? who is the Holy Spirit? How is he? What are his activities? We are going to learn in detail about them.

1. The personality of the Holy Spirit

The holy spirit is one of the personalities in trinity. It is a gentle thought to use it for our needs only. It is not biblical. Let us examine the clear evidences of the personalities of holy spirit one by one.

- a. **He** : Jn. 14:17, 15:26, 16:7, 8, 13
- b. **Advocate** : The word advocate for Jesus is used in 1Jn. 2:1. The same word is used for the holy spirit. It reveals the equality of the holy spirit with Jesus. (Jn. 14:16, 26, 1:26, 16:7)

2. The Holy Spirit has personal behaviours and activities

- a. **Knowledge** : Holy Spirit searches everything and the depths of God. It also reveals them. (1Cori. 2:9-11)
- b. **Desire** : Holy Spirit distributes the gifts, as he wills. (1Cori. 12:11). The term desire means mind, emotion and will. These three qualities are incorporated in holy spirit.
- c. **Love** : Apostle Paul reminds us of the love of the spirit. It is the sign of love that the holy spirit intercedes for the holy ones. (Rom. 8:27, 15:32)
- d. **Intelligence and wisdom** : Holy Spirit is intelligent and wise enough to instruct the people. (Neh. 9:20, Jn. 14:26)
- e. **Authority to command** : Apostles worked according to the commands of the holy spirit. (Acts. 16:6, 7, 13:2-4)
- f. **Except the above mentioned factors**, the holy spirit also has some other natures. It grieves (Eph. 4:30, Is. 63:10), says (Rev. 2:17), tells the truth (Gal. 4:16), bears witness (Jn. 15:26) and convinces (Jn. 16:8)

3. Men can behave against the Holy Spirit like another person.

Holy Spirit is insulted (Heb. 10:29, Eph. 4:30), is grieved (Is. 63:10,

Eph.4:30) , blasphemy against the holy spirit (Mt.12:31,32) , lie to the holy spirit (Acts.5:3,4)

4. His personal role

As Jesus ,the advocate (paraclete) was ascended to heaven , his role has been given to the holy spirit.It plays the role of counselor and leader of the new testament church , and also acts as the source of power. It is a blessing to submit ourselves to be controlled by the holy spirit.

Holy Spirit is a clear personality.It is evident by the pronouns , natures, works and role given to the spirit.

II . The relationship of the Holy Spirit with the father and the son

- 1. The holy spirit has a clear personality in trinity** as that of the father and the son.Following verses show it,but these three personalities are same and one in trinity.
 - a. Lk.3:21-22 : At the time of Jesus' birth , the holy spirit descended upon him in bodily form , as a dove. There is a saying from the father that this is my beloved son.This is the event in which all triune personalities are collectively seen.
 - b. Mt.28:19 , 2Cori.13:14 : The commandment related to the baptism and the greetings of the apostles reminds the names of triune God in the form of the father,son and holy spirit.In Mt.28:19 : The term 'name' is used for the 'names'.It denotes the oneness in unity.
 - c. Jn.14:16 : The father whom Jesus was to pray and the spirit given as the result of prayer are different.
 - d. Jn.16:7 : Jesus who left the earth , and the spirit who came to the earth are having different personalities.
- 2. Holy Spirit is equal to father and son in trinity** , but it is obedient to them in ministry. The following verses tell us about it.
 - a. Jn.14:6,15:26: Holy Spirit is sent by father and the son.
 - b. Rom.8:9 , 16,17: Holy Spirit is referred to as the spirit of God.

- c. Jn.16:13,14 : Holy Spirit will not speak on his own authority , but whatever he hears , he will speak.It praises Christ. We have studied that the Holy spirit has a different personality and is obedient to father and the son.Have you ever experienced the filling of the holy spirit? or Will you pray and wait for it?

Questions :

1. Establish the personality of Holy Spirit with the help of verses?
2. How the personality of holy spirit is related to that of father and the son?
3. Prove that holy spirit is obedient to father and son in the church period?
4. What are the works of the holy spirit which shows its personality?