Introduction

One way to look at the works of the Holy Spirit would be how He interacts with His people. After all, we would have a difficult time understanding why God works in the way He does if we didn't use ourselves as a referent. Given that, we can ask several questions;

- 1) What does He do?
- 2) Why does He do it? (i.e. what is His purpose)
- 3) How does that 'play out' in our lives?

We might think of this along the lines of Job 1 when Satan suggests to God that Job is only faithful for the wealth and protection that he derives from God's support;

Job 1:8-11

⁸ The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." ⁹ Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." (NASB)

And what ensues from this conversation is that Job loses everything; his wealth, his power, his family (mostly), his friends. So why did God allow Job to be knocked to the ground? Was it to prove a point to Satan? Was it to harass Job to a fare-thee-well that he might make a mis-step and be condemned? Was it to show Job who his friends really were not?

My point being that without the dialogue that Job and his friends undertake, without God's intervention into this dialogue in chapter 38 (and beyond), we would have no clue what was going down other than the actions themselves. We would have no clue why God allowed Job's life to be destroyed.

You see, there will always be some difficulty in looking at God's actions in our lives and assessing what it is that He really wants to happen. In some instances the expected outcome is crystal clear, because God explains why He does what He does! In others, not so much.

I'm taking this track because we are about to dive into quite a bit of Scripture, everything that I could discover in fact. And I've categorized it according to how I see it but that's certainly not the only way to take it. In quite a few cases we could stuff the Scripture into multiple categories, and I've done so here and there.

So. Keep an open mind. Correct me if you see me going astray. Add your thoughts where you think they need added. Let's dive in and make this work together!

Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

I began this journey (looking at the works & purpose of the Holy Spirit) by noting down every occurrence of Spirit I could find. And as I read through Scripture I would ask myself, What pigeon-hole can I stuff this into? I crafted sixteen categories, not in advance, but rather as I read the Scripture. The categories are pretty organic, stemming forth from the Word itself, not from any preconceptions I may have taken into the project (which are legion).

Creation

Genesis 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. (NASB)

Job 33:4

⁴ "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (NASB)

Psalm 104:30

³⁰ You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground. (NASB)

Yes, I understand that the Spirit of God is not mentioned here, but I believe this to be an instance. In point of fact, Pharaoh's heart is hardened 17X in Exodus!

Deceiving Spirit

Exodus 4:21

²¹ The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. (NASB)

1 Kings 22:23-24

²³ "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you." ²⁴ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?" (NASB)

Craftsmanship

Exodus 28:3

³ "You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me. (NASB)

Exodus 31:3-5

³ "I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* craftsmanship, ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, ⁵ and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all *kinds of* craftsmanship. (NASB)

Exodus 35:31-33

³¹ "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all craftsmanship; ³² to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in bronze, ³³ and in the cutting of stones for settings and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work. (NASB)

Wisdom / Authority to Judge

Numbers 11:17, 25

¹⁷ "Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear *it* all alone. ...

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do *it* again. (NASB)

Prophecy / Prophets

Numbers 24:2

² And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him. (NASB)

1 Samuel 10:6-7

⁶ "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you (Saul) mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man. ⁷ "It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you. (NASB)

1 Samuel 19:20

²⁰ Then Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing *and* presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and they also prophesied. (NASB)

1 Samuel 19:23-24

²³ He proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah. ²⁴ He also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" (NASB)

1 Kings 22:24

Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?" (NASB)

2 Kings 2:16

¹⁶ They said to him, "Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men, please let them go and search for your master (Elijah); perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send." (NASB)

2 Chronicles 15:1-2

¹ Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, ² and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. (NASB)

Leadership

Numbers 27:18-19

¹⁸ So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; ¹⁹ and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. (NASB)

1 Samuel 16:13

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. (NASB)

Warriors / Judges

Judges 3:10

¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. (NASB)

Judges 6:34

³⁴ So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him. (NASB)

Judges 11:29

²⁹ Now the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, so that he passed through Gilead and Manasseh; then he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he went on to the sons of Ammon. (NASB)

Judges 13:25

²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him (Samson) in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. (NASB)

Judges 14:6

⁶ The Spirit of the LORD came upon him (Samson) mightily, so that he tore him as one tears a young goat though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done. (NASB)

Judges 14:19

¹⁹ Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him (Samson) mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil and gave the changes *of clothes* to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house. (NASB)

Judges 15:14

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him (Samson). And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds dropped from his hands. (NASB)

1 Samuel 11:6

⁶ Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and he became very angry. (NASB)

1 Chronicles 12:18

¹⁸ Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty, *and he said*, "We are yours, O David, And with you, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to him who helps you; Indeed, your God helps you!" Then David received them and made them captains of the band. (NASB)

God Removes His Spirit

1 Samuel 16:14

¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. (NASB)

God Sends an evil spirit

1 Samuel 16:15

¹⁵ Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. (NASB)

1 Samuel 18:10-11

¹⁰ Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing *the harp* with his hand, as usual; and a spear *was* in Saul's hand. ¹¹ Saul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice. (NASB)

Reveal God's Word / Vision

2 Samuel 23:2

² "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. (NASB)

2 Chronicles 15:1-2

¹ Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, ² and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. (NASB)

2 Chronicles 20:14-15

¹⁴ Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite of the sons of Asaph; ¹⁵ and he said, "Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's. (NASB)

2 Chronicles 24:20

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you." (NASB)

Ezekiel 2:2

² As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me. (NASB)

Ezekiel 3:12

¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a great rumbling sound behind me, "Blessed be the glory of the LORD in His place." (NASB)

Ezekiel 3:14

¹⁴ So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD was strong on me. (NASB)

Ezekiel 3:24-27

²⁴ The Spirit then entered me and made me stand on my feet, and He spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself up in your house. ²⁵ "As for you, son of man, they will put ropes on you and bind you with them so that you cannot go out among them. ²⁶ "Moreover, I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be mute and cannot be a man who rebukes them, for they are a rebellious house. ²⁷ "But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house. (NASB)

Ezekiel 8:3

³ He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner *court*, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was *located*. (NASB)

Ezekiel 11:1

¹ Moreover, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD'S house which faced eastward. And behold, *there were* twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people. (NASB)

Ezekiel 11:5-6

⁵ Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts. ⁶ "You have multiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with them." (NASB)

Ezekiel 11:24-25

²⁴ And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen left me. ²⁵ Then I told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me. (NASB)

Ezekiel 37:1

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. (NASB)

Ezekiel 43:5-6

⁵ And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. ⁶ Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a man was standing beside me. (NASB)

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. (NASB)

Protection of His People

1 Kings 18:12

¹² "It will come about when I leave you that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although *I* your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. (NASB)

Isaiah 34:16-17

¹⁶ Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them. ¹⁷ He has cast the lot for them, And His hand has divided it to them by line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they will dwell in it. (NASB)

Isaiah 44:3-4

³ 'For I will pour out water on the thirsty *land* And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; ⁴ And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.' (NASB)

Isaiah 63:11-12

¹¹ Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them, ¹² Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name ... (NASB)

Isaiah 63:14

¹⁴ As the cattle which go down into the valley, The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So You led Your people, To make for Yourself a glorious name. (NASB)

Haggai 2:5

⁵ 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!' (NASB)

Zechariah 4:6

⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. (NASB)

Teaching / Instruction

Nehemiah 9:20

²⁰ "You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth, And You gave them water for their thirst. (NASB)

Psalm 143:10

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. (NASB)

Isaiah 59:21

²¹ "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever." (NASB)

Admonition / Correction

Nehemiah 9:30

³⁰ "However, You bore with them for many years, And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets, Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. (NASB)

Psalm 106:33-36

³³ Because they were rebellious against His Spirit, He spoke rashly with his lips. ³⁴ They did not destroy the peoples, As the LORD commanded them, ³⁵ But they mingled with the nations And learned their practices, ³⁶ And served their idols, Which became a snare to them. (NASB)

Isaiah 30:1

¹ "Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD, "Who execute a plan, but not Mine, And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin ..." (NASB)

Micah 2:7

⁷ "Is it being said, O house of Jacob: 'Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient? Are these His doings?' Do not My words do good To the one walking uprightly? (NASB)

Micah 3:8

⁸ On the other hand I am filled with power-- With the Spirit of the LORD-- And with justice and courage To make known to Jacob his rebellious act, Even to Israel his sin. (NASB)

Zechariah 7:12

¹² "They made their hearts *like* flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. (NASB)

Malachi 2:14-17

¹⁴ "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ "But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did *that* one *do* while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." ¹⁷ You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied *Him*?" In that you say, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them," or, "Where is the God of justice?" (NASB)

Indwelling

Psalm 51:11

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (NASB)

Isaiah 32:15

¹⁵ Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field, And the fertile field is considered as a forest. (NASB)

Isaiah 59:21

²¹ "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever." (NASB)

Ezekiel 2:2

² As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me. (NASB)

Ezekiel 36:27-28

²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. (NASB)

Ezekiel 37:14

¹⁴ "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD.'" (NASB)

Ezekiel 39:29

²⁹ "I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD. (NASB)

Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. ²⁹ "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (NASB)

A Person in the Trinity

Psalm 139:7

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? (NASB)

Isaiah 11:2-4

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; ⁴ But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. (NASB)

Isaiah 40:13

¹³ Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? (NASB)

Isaiah 42:1-4

¹ "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. ² "He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, Nor make His voice heard in the street. ³ "A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law." (NASB)

Isaiah 48:16

¹⁶ "Come near to Me, listen to this: From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit." (Wow! Just wow!) (NASB)

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. (NASB)

Judgment / Wrath

Isaiah 63:10

¹⁰ But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them. (NASB)

Zechariah 7:12

¹² "They made their hearts *like* flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. (NASB)

Holy Spirit in the New Testament

Direct Intercession with Humanity

Matthew 1:18-21

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (NASB)

Luke 1:35

³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. (NASB)

Luke 11:10-13

¹⁰ "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Indwelling

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (NASB)

Mark 1:8

⁸ "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (NASB)

Luke 1:41-42

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (NASB)

Luke 1:67-75

⁶⁷ And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: ⁶⁸ "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, ⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant-- ⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old-- ⁷¹ Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US; ⁷² To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, ⁷⁴ To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our

enemies, Might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. (NASB)

Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸ then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹ "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel." (NASB)

Luke 3:16-17

¹⁶ John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ "His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (NASB)

John 3:5-8

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:33-36

³³ "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to *this*, that God is true. ³⁴ "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (NASB)

Authority

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him.
¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"
¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.
¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:10-11

¹⁰ Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; ¹¹ and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." (NASB)

Matthew 10:19-20

¹⁹ "But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. ²⁰ "For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. (NASB)

Matthew 12:26-28

²⁶ "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? For this reason they will be your judges. ²⁸ "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. (NASB)

Luke 12:10-12

¹⁰ "And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. ¹¹ "When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." (NASB)

Jesus and the Spirit of God

Matthew 3:16-17

After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (NASB)

Matthew 4:1

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (NASB)

Mark 1:12-13

¹² Immediately the Spirit impelled Him *to go* out into the wilderness. ¹³ And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him. (NASB)

Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."
(NASB)

Luke 4:1-2

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. (NASB)

Luke 4:14-15

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. (NASB)

Luke 10:21-22

²¹ At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. ²² "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*." (NASB)

John 1:31-33

³¹ "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." ³² John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. ³³ "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' (NASB)

Prophecy Fulfilled

Matthew 12:17-21

¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ¹⁸ "Behold, My servant whom I have chosen; My beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim justice to the gentiles. ¹⁹ "He will not quarrel, nor cry out; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. ²⁰ "a battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory. ²¹ "and in His name the gentiles will hope." (Isaiah 42:1-3)

Matthew 22:42-45

⁴² "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "*The son* of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet "'? ⁴⁵ "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" (NASB)

Mark 12:35-37

³⁵ And Jesus *began* to say, as He taught in the temple, "How *is it that* the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ "David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'the Lord said to my Lord, "sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet." ³⁷ "David himself calls Him 'Lord'; so in what sense is He his son?" And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him. (NASB)

Luke 1:14-16

¹⁴ "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. ¹⁶ "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. (NASB)

Prophecy Pending

Mark 13:10-12

¹⁰ "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Holy Spirit. ¹² "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. (NASB)

The Spirit is God

Matthew 12:31-32

³¹ "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. ³² "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come. (NASB)

Mark 3:28-29

²⁸ "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin "-- (NASB)

Trinity

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NASB)

Spirit Being Given

John 6:63

⁶³ "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. (NASB)

John 7:38-39

³⁸ "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (NASB)

John 14:16-18

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (NASB)

John 14:26

²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (NASB)

John 15:26-27

²⁶ "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷ and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. (NASB)

John 16:13-16

¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁶ "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." (NASB)

John 20:21-23

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained." (NASB)

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Questions

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- 2. What was the
- 3. Are New Testament

Memory Verses

It is important to memorize Bible verses. It doesn't matter our age, our grade (in school), our status in life. Putting God's Word into oneself can only have a good outcome:

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Read Your Bible

Have you *Read Your Bible* this week? It takes us just a few minutes each day. Your Bible contains the authoritative, inerrant, infallible and non-contradictory Word of God! Often there is no other source for this information than in your Bible!

Further, if something in this study seems wrong, then it probably is because the author made a mistake! This is another reason to read your Bible, check statements made in this study against that stated in the Bible. *Read your Bible!*

Closing Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to dwell among us. We thank you that we are the temples in which He resides. Be with us today, we pray. Let Your Spirit be known to us today. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior. Amen.