

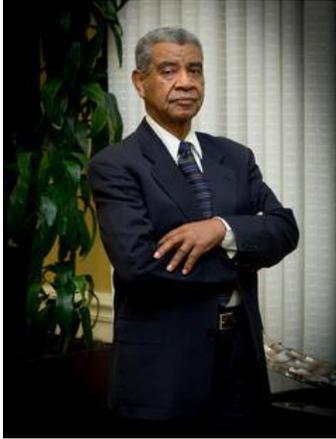
HOLY GHOST

Text: Isaiah 6:1 (God's Spiritual Warrior)

Sub-text: Isaiah 63:10

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Another Comforter



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Jesus Christ was the spiritual comfort to His disciples and the world while He was yet with us (John 14-16th chapters). Realizing that He would not remain human flesh always, but would soon be transformed back into His divine spiritual nature, the consolation He left for the disciples — and for us today — was that, He would pray and the Father would give us *another Comforter*; and that He (the Holy Ghost, even the Spirit of Truth, also) could abide with us forever, "... for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," (John 14:15-17). This everpresent source of comfort would come through the divine teaching of God's knowledge, understanding, and wisdom (Judg. 13:8; Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 2:22; I John 2:20)! This wonderful part of God's Holy Trinity was brought forth, brought up, and set up with the Father and the Son (Prov. 8:22-25) and now is given to teach us the Law and keep it freshly imprinted in our hearts (Eze. 36:26, 27; Jer. 31:33; Eze. 11:19-21).

This promised outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon all flesh and the teaching and demonstration of many of God's wonderful "secrets" and powerful acts were part of the "good. news" of the gospels (Joel 2:28; / 5:9).

The GOOD: evil Diametric

God's creation, the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* (Genesis 2:9), was designed apparently to be one of the best-kept secrets of the universe; especially the "knowledge of evil," or more specifically, the knowledge of the difference between *good* and *evil*. This "knowledge" brought on the experiences *birth* and the associated *throes, work, pain, decision, and death* (Gen. 2:17; 3:16; 3:17-19).

The Nature Of Spirit

Spirit is a motivating force; it is an energy generating, animating force capable of producing movement. Examples of the end results of the energy release of *spirit* are: the Flood (Gen. chapters 6 and 7); the fall of the Walls of Jericho (Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-20); the test of Baal's prophets in the demonstration of Elijah (I Kings 18:17-40); the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29); the Virgin Birth (Matthew 1:20 and Luke 1:35); and the Creation (Genesis 1). It is spirit that makes alive (II Cor. 3:6).

God Is A Spirit - But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

- John 4:23, 24

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy **holy spirit** from me"
King David after his sin

"Receive Ye The Holy Ghost" (John 20:22)

The initial steps in gaining privileged access to divine wisdom and understanding begin with *godly fear* — an unconditional reverence for the God-Head (Psa. 19:9; Prov. 1:7; 8:13;14:27; 2:1-6; Psa. 34:11-14;111:10; Eccl. 12:13; Job 28:28; Jere. 10:17; Deut. 4:6-8). This reverence begins the proper preparation of our heart to receive the Holy Ghost.

Christ definitely commanded His Twelve Disciples to "receive" the Holy Ghost (Luke 24:49; John 20:22; Acts 1:4, 5, 8), that is, to spiritually open their hearts (Eze. 11:19-21;18:31) that He (the Comforter) may enter and establish permanent abode (Isa. 59:21) as the spiritual contact between man and God (Heb. 10:15-18; Rom. 15:16; II Thess. 2:13; Zech. 4:6; John 4:24; Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18). In His role as living Example, Jesus Christ was of the first reported to have received the promised baptism of the Holy Ghost in the natural (human) flesh (Isa. 42:1; Luke 12:49) and He (the Holy Ghost) abode with Him (Jesus, the son of man) permanently (John 1:32-34).

Subsequently, disciples received the Holy Ghost and Fire at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2nd chapter). And the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:28-32) was accomplished beginning with Cornelius of Caesarea (Acts 2nd chapter). Others were the parents of John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zechariah (Luke 1:41, 67). (John the Baptist's reception of the promise was before birth as an act of God, and not as a result of choice. See Luke 1:15).



*Romans 10:14...and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵
And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of
peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

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