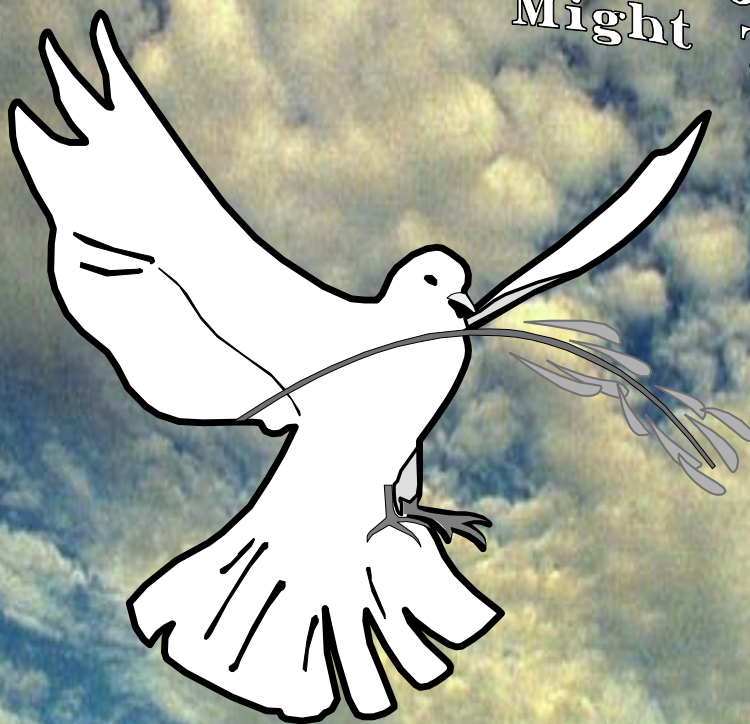


THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

Fear of the Lord Wisdom
Understanding Knowledge
Might Counsel
Truth



Rev 5:6

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

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A Book for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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FOREWORD

Many years ago when Timothy II was young in the Ministry, a Prophetess of God (who has since gone to be with the Lord) gave him this word: “God said in a very few days you will get a revelation, and there’s a rainbow over your head. God also said, you were Psalm Number 1, a man who meditates in His Word day and night. You love His law and you are like a tree by the rivers of water, strong and the winds will not harm you.”

Just a few days after receiving this prophecy, God began to reveal to Timothy II a new revelation in the “Word of God” dealing with “The Seven Spirits of God”.

What was thought to be a short revelation of God turned out to be a work that has taken many years to complete. (Galatians 1:10-12 2 Corinthians 12:1)

In it’s final stages, God has raised up the Timothy II Team to help finish the editing and the layout of this book. God the Holy Spirit has just now allowed it to be finished and released, as it is an end times revelation of God to be read and used in these last days.

This book on “The Seven Spirits of God” has been written as a Handbook for the use of those in the ‘five-fold’ ministry; especially Pastors/Priests, and Teachers as well as Christian Counselors and Church Leaders. It is meant to be used as a tool for Leadership so that they may minister to the “Body of Christ”, teaching them, and equipping them to move in the ‘Fullness’ of God.

This book explains “The Seven Spirits of God”. It does not contain many comments by the Author. It consists mostly of scriptures, and it is meant to encourage the reader to rely on God the Holy Spirit for the insight He wants to give in this study. Let Him minister to you as He wills. (1 Corinthians 2:11, 13 1 John 2:27)

God Bless you - as you read His Word.

Amen!

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GOD'S CALL TO THE CHURCH

God is Calling to His Church to get it's act together. It is now time for the True "Body of Christ" to leave the Principles of the 'Doctrine of Christ', and go on to Perfection. Instead of arguing over such things as laying on of hands, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, faith, etc., God is Calling us to come together for His soon return. This we can do through the 'Fullness' of God ("The Seven Spirits of God"). God has given Leaders to the "Body of Christ" who are Called to help lead this work. He has Called them to help Perfect the Saints. This is so that we can come together in unity, unto a Perfect person. When we do, then we will speak the Truth in Love and finally GROW-UP! This will cause us to become rooted and grounded in Love, so that we as Saints will know the Love of Jesus and will receive the 'Fullness' of God. (Ephesians 4:3)

Hebrews 6:1-2

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

Ephesians 4:11-16

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **Till we all come in the unity of the faith,** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But **speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 3:17-19

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **And to know the love of Christ,** which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."**

INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches that ‘The Godhead’ consists of three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There is ‘one’ God the Holy Spirit (the Third Person of the Godhead). (1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:4) (Read the Book “The Godhead” by Timothy II)

The Bible also states that God the Holy Spirit is also known as “The Seven Spirits of God”. (Revelation 1:4, 5) Since there is only ‘one’ Holy Spirit, God has revealed to Timothy II that the “Seven Spirits” are actually seven ‘Attributes’ of the Holy Spirit. After many months of study, God revealed to Timothy II that six of these Spirits (Attributes) are in the Old Testament. They are: ***The Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel and Might***. (Isaiah 11:2) The seventh is in the New Testament. It is ***Truth***: (John 15:26) This is because God the Holy Spirit was only partially revealed and imparted prior to Jesus’ coming to earth. After He left the earth, Jesus sent the seventh Spirit (Attribute) from God the Father. (John 1:17, 15:26)

“The Seven Spirits of God”, appear in Heaven as ‘Seven Lamps of Fire’ that are before the Throne of God the Father. (Revelation 4:5) As the ‘Seven Eyes of God the Son - Jesus, they are sent forth into all the earth. (Revelation 5:6, see Zechariah 3:9, 4:10)

Although the potential of “The Seven Spirits of God” has been available to Christians through the ‘Fullness’ of the Holy Spirit, the lack of this revelation has held it back. The ‘Fullness’ of the Holy Spirit is available to us when the Holy Spirit enters into us at the time of salvation. (John 14:17) When we have been born again we are able to know and receive the ‘Fullness’ of God. (John 1:16) It is **not** the same experience as when we are Baptized with the Holy Spirit; which is when we receive the ‘Charisma Gifts’ of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:5 1 Corinthians 12:7-10) It is an experience that most Christians do not know about. In order to receive the ‘Fullness’ of God, all you need to do is to ask. It is through the ‘Love’ of Christ that we receive it. (Ephesians 3:19)

As Leaders, we have the responsibility to pray for the “Body of Christ” to receive this ‘Fullness’. (Ephesians 4:13) When praying for Christians, ask God to Fill them with “The Seven Spirits of God”. Sometimes the Holy Spirit may prompt you in prayer to emphasize specific ‘Attributes’ for the person that are needed at that time.

When we receive the ‘Fullness’ of “The Seven Spirits of God”, we are given the ability to overcome all the problems we face today, and we do not have to turn to man’s wisdom, philosophy or psychology to experience a victorious Christian life. (John 1:16, 17)

THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

I. WHAT ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS (ATTRIBUTES)?

“The Seven Spirits of God” is the Holy Spirit. They are the ‘Seven Attributes’ of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 1:4-5

“John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from *The Seven Spirits* which are before His throne. And from Jesus Christ...”

‘Six Attributes’ of the Holy Spirit are identified in Isaiah.

Isaiah: 11:2

“And **the spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon him, *the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*”

The ‘Seventh Attribute’ of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, was identified and manifested by Jesus.

John 15:26

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of *truth*, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.”

John 16:13-14

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of *truth*, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

II. THE MEANING OF EACH SPIRIT (ATTRIBUTE) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

The Fear of the Lord: The Dictionary says: “Fear: Awe or reverence for God, to have reverential regard for, as to fear the Lord.”

The Bible says:

Proverbs 8:13

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil....”

Proverbs 16:6

“...by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.”

- Wisdom: The Dictionary says: “Wisdom: Great learning, good judgment, quick and sure decisions, prudence.”
The Bible says:
Psalms 111:10, see Proverbs 9:10
“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”
- Job 28:28**
“...the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom....”
- Knowledge: The Dictionary says: “Knowledge: Clear perception of a truth, fact or subject. (i.e. God)”
The Bible says:
Proverbs 1:7
“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”
- Understanding: The Dictionary says: “Understanding: The faculty of reasoning, discernment, intelligence, mental power to perceive, sympathetic.”
The Bible says:
Proverbs 28:28
“...and to depart from evil is understanding.”
- Proverbs 9:10**
“...and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”
- Counsel: The Dictionary says: “Counsel: To give advice, to recommend as a course of action.”
The Bible says:
Proverbs 8:14
“Counsel is mine, ...”
- Isaiah 9:6**
“...and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor....”
- Might: The Dictionary says: “Might: Great strength, power or force.”
The Bible says:
Jeremiah 32:18-19
“...the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name,.... Great in counsel, and mighty in work....”
- Truth: The Dictionary says: “Truth: Agreement with reality; the eternal principle of right or the natural law of order, fidelity, constancy.”
The Bible says:
John 16:13
“...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth....”

III. THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD ARE THE “SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE”:

Daniel 10:6 [Daniel’s Vision]

“And His Eyes as Lamps of Fire...”

Revelation 4:5, see Revelation 2:18, 19:12

“And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and **there were Seven Lamps of Fire** burning before the throne, **which are The Seven Spirits of God.**”

IV. THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD ARE THE “EYES OF THE LORD”:

Revelation 5:6, see Revelation 3:1

“... a **Lamb** as it had been slain, **having seven horns and Seven Eyes which are The Seven Spirits of God...**”

Zechariah 3:9

“...upon one stone shall be seven eyes:...”

Zechariah 4:10

“... with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.”

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the **LORD** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

V. OTHER SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK ABOUT THE “SEVEN ATTRIBUTES” OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Exodus 31:3, see 35:31 [God, speaking to Moses about Bezaleel]

“And I have filled him with the **Spirit of God, in Wisdom and Understanding, and in Knowledge**, and in all manner of workmanship,”

Exodus 31:6

“And in the **Hearts of all that are Wise Hearted I have put Wisdom**, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;”

Deuteronomy 34:9 [Joshua]

“And Joshua the son of Nun **was full of the spirit of wisdom**; for Moses had laid his hands upon him:...”

Job 12:13 [God]

“With Him is Wisdom and Strength [i.e. Might], He hath Counsel and Understanding.”

Acts 6:3 [Deacons]

“Wherefore, bretheren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, Full of the Holy Ghost and Wisdom,...”

John 4:23 [Worship]

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.”

VI. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON OTHER SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK ABOUT THE “SEVEN ATTRIBUTES” OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Job 12:16

Acts 6:10

VII. THE SEVEN SPIRITS IN THE LIVES OF GOD’S PEOPLE:

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

“The Seven Spirits of God” are made available to us through the ‘Fullness’ of the Holy Spirit. This is not to be confused with the ‘Charisma Gifts’ or the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’. Rather it is walking in the ‘Fullness’ of “The Seven Spirits of God”.

The ‘Fullness’ of “The Seven Spirits of God” is given to us through Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:9

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

John 3:34

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”

Colossians 1:19

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.”

John 1:16

“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.”

John 1:17, see 1 John 3:24 1 John 5:6

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

The “Seven Spirits” (Attributes) are given to Christians, individually and corporately, so that we have the ability to overcome all the trials and tribulations of the world. Through the “Seven Spirits” (the Holy Spirit), we have no need to use man’s methods or philosophies to experience a victorious Christian life.

The Victorious Christian Life

Colossians 2:8

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

CONCLUSION:

Colossians 2:10

“and ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power:”

John 4:23-24

“...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 him in spirit and in truth.”

OUR PRAYER:

Ephesians 1:17-19

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

Ephesians 3:16-19

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”

TEAM'S NOTES

The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord:

Walking in the 'Fullness' of "The Seven Spirits of God" begins with The Fear of the Lord. For without The Fear of the Lord, the other 'Attributes' will not be part of our lives. The Fear of the Lord is just as fundamental to the abundant, effective life of the believer as being born again is for one to have eternal life.

Concerning The Fear of the Lord, God has spoken to us (the team) in this way: "The Fear of the Lord has all but left My Church. It must return if the 'Church' is to stand. It must return if the 'Church' is to make a difference. I am about to judge My 'Church', and the first thing that will be judged is the lack of The Fear of the Lord!"

Each of us must ask himself these questions: Do I really hate evil; have I really departed from evil, or is there compromise in my own life? Have I allowed the values of the world to become my values? When I discover evil in my own life, do I confront it and get rid of it, or do I make excuses for it? Do I encourage purity and The Fear of the Lord in the lives of those for whom I am responsible to teach and disciple? These are very serious questions. We cannot be in bed with evil and claim to Fear the Lord.

Proverbs 16:6 says: *"by The Fear of the Lord men depart from evil."*

The Lord has commanded in:

Leviticus 19:2 *"Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy."*

But the only way that we can live an untainted life in a world filled with darkness is by walking in the Fear of the Lord. It is "The Spirit of The Fear of the Lord" that produces holy and righteous living in us.

Also, it is through the Fear of the Lord that we gain access to an intimate relationship with God:

Psalms 24:3-4 *"Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart..."*

Matthew 5:8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."*

What tremendous blessings are in store for those who choose to walk in The Fear of the Lord!

THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Isaiah 11:2-3

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of

the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.”

I. WHAT IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

The Dictionary says:

“Fear: Awe or reverence for God, to have reverential regard for, as to Fear the Lord.”

The Bible teaches:

Proverbs 8:13

“**The fear of the Lord is to hate evil:** pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” (Read the Tract on “Evil” by Timothy II)

Proverbs 16:6

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and **by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.**”

Proverbs 14:2

“**He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord:** but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.”

Proverbs. 3:7

“Be not wise in thine own eyes: **fear the Lord, and depart from evil.**”

Job 28:28

“And unto man he said, Behold, **the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.**”

II. UNDERSTANDING AND RECEIVING THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

Proverbs 2:2-5

“So that thou **incline thine ear** unto wisdom, and **apply thine heart** to understanding; yea, **if thou criest after** knowledge, and **liftest up thy voice** for understanding; **if thou seekest her** as silver, and **searchest for her** as for hid treasures; **then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord,** and find the knowledge of God.”

III. EXAMPLES:

The Abraham Experience

Genesis 22:12, see Genesis 22:1-12

“And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for **now I know that thou fearest God,** seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.”

*The Hebrew Midwives***Exodus 1:17, see Exodus 1:15-21**

“But **the midwives feared God**, and did not as the King of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.”

*Israel***Exodus 14:31, see Exodus 14:21-31**

“And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: **and the people feared the Lord**, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.”

1 Samuel 11:7, see 1 Samuel 11:1-7

“And he [Saul] took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. **And the fear of the Lord fell on the people**, and they came out with one consent.”

*The Early Church***Acts 2:43**

“**And fear came upon every soul**: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.”

Acts 9:31

“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; **and walking in the fear of the Lord**, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”

IV. BLESSINGS FOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD:**Psalms 103:11**

“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so **great is his mercy toward them that fear him.**”

Psalms 147:11

“**The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him**, in those that hope in his mercy.”

Psalms 33:18

“Behold, **the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him**, upon them that hope in his mercy.”

Psalms 103:13

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so **the Lord pitieth them that fear him.**”

Luke 1:50

“And **his mercy is on them that fear him** from generation to generation.”

Psalms 34:9

“O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for **there is no want to them that fear him.**”

Psalms 145:19

“**He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:** he also will hear their cry, and will save them.”

Psalms 85:9

“Surely **his salvation is nigh them that fear him;** that glory may dwell in our land.”

Proverbs 19:23

“**The fear of the Lord tendeth to life:** and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.”

Psalms 34:7

“**The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.**”

Psalms 115:11

“**Ye that fear the Lord,** trust in the Lord: **he is their help and their shield.**”

Proverbs 14:26-27

“**In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence:** and his children shall have a place of refuge. **The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,** to depart from the snares of death.”

Proverbs 10:27

“**The fear of the Lord prolongeth days:** but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.”

Proverbs 22:4

“**By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.**”

Proverbs 15:16

“**Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.**”

Psalms 31:19

“**Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;** which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!”

Psalms 128:1-6

“**Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord;** that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round thy table. Behold, that **thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.** The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children’s children, and peace be upon Israel.”

V. CALL TO THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

2 Corinthians 7:1

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**”

1 Samuel 12:24

“**Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart:** for consider how great things he hath done for you.”

1 Peter 1:17

“And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.**”

Psalms 34:14

“**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**”

Psalms 96:9

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **fear before him, all the earth.**”

Proverbs 23:17

“Let not thine heart envy sinners: but **be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.**”

Luke 12:5

“But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**”

Nehemiah 5:9

“Also I said, It is not good that ye do: **ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?**”

Colossians 3:22

“**Servants, obey in all things** your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, **fearing God.**”

Ephesians 5:21

“**Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**”

For Rulers:

2 Samuel 23:3

“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, **He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.**”

1 Samuel 12:14

“If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:”

For Judges (when judging):

2 Chronicles 19:7

“Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.”

For Pastors/Priests (when judging controversies)

2 Chronicles 19:9

“And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.”

In Church:

Psalms 89:7

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.”

Psalms 5:7

“But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.”

Psalms 15:1-4

“Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord.”

The Lord’s requirements:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

“And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”

Deuteronomy 5:29

“O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!”

Deuteronomy 6:24

“And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.”

Isaiah 50:10

“**Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant**, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.”

Psalms 25:12, 14

“**What man is he that feareth the Lord?** him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. **The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him;** and he will shew them his covenant.”

VI. LEARNING THE FEAR OF THE LORD:**Deuteronomy 4:10**

“...the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, **that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth**, and that they may teach their children.”

Jeremiah 32:39-40

“**And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever**, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but **I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.**”

Psalms 86:11

“**Teach me thy way, O Lord;** I will walk in thy truth: **unite my heart to fear thy name.**”

*Read the Word:***Deuteronomy 17:18-19**

“...he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and **he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God**, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.”

*Tithes:***Deuteronomy 14:22-23**

“**Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed**, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, **the tithe** of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; **that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always.**”

VII. WARNINGS:

Man without the Fear of the Lord:

Psalms 36:1-4

“The transgression of **the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes**. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; **he abhorreth not evil.**”

Proverbs 1:23-29

“Turn you at my reproof: behold, **I will pour out my spirit unto you**, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, **and ye refused**; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: **For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord.**”

Deuteronomy 28:58-59

“**If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD**; then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.”

Malachi 3:5

“**And I will come near to you to judgment**; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and **that turn aside** the stranger from his right, **and fear not me**, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Jeremiah 2:19

“Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that **it is an evil thing** and bitter, **that thou hast forsaken the Lord** thy God, **and that my fear is not in thee**, saith the Lord God of hosts.”

Isaiah 29:13-14

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and **their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men**:...”

We should not fear other gods:

2 Kings 17:38-39, see 2 Kings 17:24-41.

“And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; **neither shall ye fear other gods. But the Lord your God ye shall fear;** and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.”

1 Chronicles 16:25-26

“For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: **he also is to be feared above all gods.** For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.”

VIII. PASTORS/PRIESTS:

Malachi 1:6, see Malachi 1:7-8

“A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: **if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests,** that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?”

Malachi 2:1

“And now, **O ye priests, this commandment is for you.**”

Malachi 2:5

“My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.”

CONCLUSION:

Malachi 3:16

“Then **they that feared the Lord spake often to one to another:** and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, **and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.**”

Malachi 4:1-2

“For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. **But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings...**”

Ecclesiastes 12:12-13

“And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

Exodus 18:21

Leviticus 19:14, 19:32, 25:17, 25:36, 25:43

Deuteronomy 6:2, 6:13, 8:6, 13:4, 31:12-13

Joshua 4:23-24, 24:14

1 Samuel 12:14

1 Kings 18:12

2 Kings 17:25

2 Chronicles 19:9

Nehemiah 1:11

Job 1:8, 2:3, 37:23-24

Psalms 2:11, 19:9, 22:23, 33:8, 34:11, 40:3, 60:4, 61:5, 72:5, 76:7, 76:11, 96:4, 102:15-16, 103:17, 111:5, 111:10, 112:1, 115:13, 118:4, 119:38, 119:63, 119:74, 119:79, 130:4, 135:20

Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 14:16, 15:33, 24:21, 28:14, 31:30

Ecclesiastes 5:7, 7:17-18, 8:12-13

Isaiah 2:10, 8:13, 29:23, 33:6, 57:11, 59:19, 60:5

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THE LORD CONTINUED:**

Jeremiah 5:24, 10:7, 44:10

Hosea 3:5

Haggai 1:12

Matthew 10:28

John 1:9

Acts 10:2, 10:22, 10:34-35, 13:26

Romans 3:18

Hebrews 12:28

1 Peter 2:17

Revelation 11:18, 14:7, 15:4, 19:5

TEAM'S NOTES

The Spirits [Attributes] of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding:

There is an increasing reliance upon human intellect and worldly wisdom among God's people in these last days. Yet, God's word warns us:

Proverbs 16:25 *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."*

Again it says:

Colossians 2:8 *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ."*

We cannot hope to accomplish God's purposes using our own intellect or worldly philosophy and psychology:

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.' "*

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 *"...as it is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.' But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.' "*

It is only as we rely upon the Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding of God, given to us through his Holy Spirit, that we can carry out the task set before us by Christ Jesus.

Thus, the Bible says:

Proverbs 3:5-8 *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones."*

May God grant us the grace to be "wise" enough to walk in His Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding.

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Isaiah 11:2

“**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom** and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

I. WHAT IS WISDOM?

The Dictionary says:

“Wisdom: Great learning, good judgment, quick and sure decisions, prudence.”

The Bible teaches:

Psalms 111:10, see Proverbs 9:10

“**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**”

Proverbs 15:33

“**The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom.**”

Job 28:28

“And unto man he said, **Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom**; and to depart from evil is understanding.”

Deuteronomy 34:9

“**And Joshua the son of Nun was Full of the Spirit of Wisdom**; for Moses had laid his hands upon him.”

Wisdom is in the heart (not just intellectual):

Exodus 31:6

“... and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom...”

Exodus 35:35

“Them hath **he filled with wisdom of heart**...”

II. SIGNS OF WISDOM:

Proverbs 14:16

“**A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil**...”

Proverbs 10:8

“**The wise in heart will receive commandments**...”

Proverbs 1:5

“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning...”

Proverbs 9:8

“Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.”

Proverbs 12:15

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto [God’s] counsel is wise.”

Proverbs 9:9

“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser.”

Proverbs 14:1

“Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.”

Proverbs 11:30

...he that winneth souls is wise.

*Wisdom in Speech:***Luke 21:15**

“For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.”

Proverbs 16:23

“The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.”

Proverbs 12:18

“...but the tongue of the wise is health.”

Ecclesiastes 12:11

“The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.”

Proverbs 15:7

“The lips of the wise disperse knowledge...”

Proverbs 15:2

“The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright...”

Proverbs 29:11

“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.”

Proverbs 10:19

“...but he that refraineth his lips is wise.”

Proverbs 17:28

“Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise...”

Proverbs 10:14

“Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.”

Proverbs 31:26 [The Virtuous Woman]

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

*Wisdom in Pastors/Priests:***Ecclesiastes 12:9-10**

“And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.”

Colossians 1:28 [Christ in you]

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

III. EXAMPLES:

Even as Jesus increased in Wisdom - so we too will increase in the Spirit of Wisdom as we grow into the Fullness of God.

*Jesus:***Luke 2:40**

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.”

Luke 2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

Matthew 13:54, see Mark 6:2

“And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?”

Colossians 2:3

“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

*Solomon:***1 Kings 4:29**

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.”

1 Kings 3:28

“And all Israel heard of the judgment which the King had judged; and they feared the king: **for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.**”

1 Kings 10:24, see 2 Chronicles 9:23

[Instead of us listening to the world, they should be listening to us.] “And **all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom**, which God had put in his heart.”

Stephen:**Acts 6:10**

“**And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.**”

Wisdom for Practical Duties:**Exodus 31:3, see Exodus 35:31**

[Bezaleel] “**And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom**, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.”

Exodus 28:3

[Aaron] “And thou shalt speak unto all that are wisehearted, **whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom**, that they may make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office.”

Exodus 31:6

[Aholiab] “And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Daniel **and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom**, that they may make all that I have commanded thee.”

Exodus 35:35

“**Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart**, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.”

Exodus 36:1, see Exodus 36:2

[Work for the service of the sanctuary] “Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and **every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom** and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.”

Acts 6:3

[Deacons] “Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, **full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business.”

IV. CALL TO WISDOM:

Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: **be ye therefore wise as serpents**, and harmless as doves.”

Ephesians 5:15

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise...”

Colossians 4:5

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”

Proverbs 1:20-23

“Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:” She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: **in the city she uttereth her words**, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? **Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you**, I will make known my words unto you.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying!

Proverbs 8:4-5

“Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, **understand wisdom...**”

Proverbs 8:11

“**For wisdom is better than rubies**; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.”

Proverbs 3:13

“**Happy is the man that findeth wisdom...**”

Proverbs 19:8

“**He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul...**”

The Instruction of a Father:

Proverbs 4:1, 5-6, 8-11

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. **Get wisdom**, get understanding: **forget it not**; neither decline from the words of my mouth. **Forsake her not**, and **she shall preserve thee: love her**, and **she shall keep thee**. **Exalt her**, and **she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour**, when thou dost embrace her. **She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee**. **Hear, O my son**, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. **I have taught thee in the way of wisdom**; I have led thee in right paths.”

V. HOW DO WE GET WISDOM?

Job 28:12

“But where shall wisdom be found?”

Job 28:20

“Whence then cometh wisdom?”

James 1:5

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

Daniel 2:20-21

“Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his... He giveth wisdom unto the wise...”

Proverbs 2:6-7

“For the Lord giveth wisdom... He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous...”

Psalms 51:6

“Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”

Wisdom through God’s Law and His Word:

Psalms 19:7

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”

Psalms 119:98

“Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.”

2 Timothy 3:15

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...”

Deuteronomy 4:2, 6

[Wisdom and sound doctrine for the Nation/Church] **“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Keep therefore and do**

them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, **Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.**”

Attitude Matters:

Proverbs 14:6

“A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not...”

Proverbs 17:16

“Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?”

VI. THE UNWISE:

2 Corinthians 10:12

“...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, **are not wise.**”

Proverbs 20:1

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby **is not wise.**”

Job 32:9

“**Great men are not always wise:** neither do the aged understand judgment.”

Ecclesiastes 10:1

“Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: **so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom** and honour.”

Proverbs 11:12

“**He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour...**”

Ephesians 5:17

“Wherefore **be ye not unwise,** but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”

Proverbs 1:7

“...but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 23:9

“Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.”

VII. WARNINGS:**Jeremiah 9:23-24**

“Thus saith the Lord, **Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom**, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”

Proverbs 28:26

“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.”

Proverbs 3:7

“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.”

Proverbs 11:2

“When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.”

Romans 12:16

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. **Be not wise in your own conceits.**”

*Man's Wisdom:***Isaiah 29:13-14**

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: **for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish**, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”

Isaiah 47:10

“For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. **Thy wisdom** and thy knowledge, it **hath perverted thee**; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.”

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

“Let no man deceive himself. **If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, He taketh **the wise** in their own craftiness.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

“Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

1 Corinthians 2:1, 4-7

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech **or of wisdom**, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men**, but in the power of God. Howbeit we **speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world**, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.**”

1 Corinthians 1:19-27

“For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise**, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. **Where is the wise?** where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? **hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God**, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and **the Greeks seek after wisdom**: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men**; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh**, not many mighty, not many noble, **are called**: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound **the wise**; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”

CONCLUSION:

God’s Wisdom:

Proverbs 4:7

“**Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom...**”

Isaiah 33:6

“**And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure.**”

Romans 11:33

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.”

Proverbs 21:30

“There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.”

Job 9:4

“He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?”

James 3:14-17

“But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

Jude 25

To **the only wise God** our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The Church is meant to reflect the Wisdom of God:

Ephesians 3:10

“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God...”

Colossians 1:9

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”

Proverbs 2:10-11

“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.”

Proverbs 3:35

“The wise shall inherit glory...”

Daniel 12:3

“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

Proverbs 15:24

The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

*Exhortation:***James 3:13**

“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.”

Matthew 24:45-46

[Leaders/Rulers] **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”**

*Prayer:***Psalms 90:12**

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM:

Exodus 35:25-26, 36:2

2 Samuel 14:20

1 Kings 3:12, 4:30, 4:32, 4:34, 5:12, 7:14, 10:4, 10:8

1 Chronicles 22:12

2 Chronicles 1:10-12, 9:3, 9:7, 9:22

Job 12:12-13, 16, 32:7

Psalms 37:28, 37:30, 49:3

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Hosea 14:9

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Romans 16:27

1 Corinthians 1:30

Ephesians 1:8

Colossians 1:27

1 Timothy 1:17

Jude 25

THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Isaiah 11:2

“**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, **the spirit of knowledge** and of the fear of the Lord.”

I. WHAT IS KNOWLEDGE?

The Dictionary says:

“Knowledge: Clear perception of a truth, fact, or subject (i.e. God).”

The Bible teaches:

Proverbs 1:7

“**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...**”

Isaiah 33:6

“**And Wisdom and Knowledge shall be the stability of the times, and strength of salvation.**”

II. EXAMPLES:

Bezaleel:

Exodus 31:3 see Exodus 35:31

“**And I have filled him with the spirit of God**, in wisdom, and in understanding, **and in knowledge**, and in all manner of workmanship...”

Solomon:

2 Chronicles 1:10-11

[His prayer] “**Give me now wisdom and knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; **but hast asked Wisdom and Knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:**”

2 Chronicles 1:12

[God’s answer] “**Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee**; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.”

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego:

Daniel 1:17 see Daniel 1:4

“As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom...”

III. GOD’S KNOWLEDGE:

Job 21:22

“Shall any teach God knowledge?”

Psalms 139:1-6

[A Psalm of David] “O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassedst my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.**”

Psalms 73:11

[The skeptics and the ungodly] “And they say, How doth God know? and **is there knowledge in the most High?**”

1 Samuel 2:3

“Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for **the Lord is a God of knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.”

Psalms 94:10

“He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? **he that teacheth man knowledge**, shall not he know?”

Isaiah 40:14

“With whom took he counsel, and **who** instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and **taught him knowledge**, and shewed to him the way of understanding?”

Colossians 2:3

[Christ] “**In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**”

Romans 11:33

“**O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

IV. GOD DESIRES TO POUR OUT THE RICHES OF HIS KNOWLEDGE UPON THE EARTH:

Through Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 53:11

“...by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Isaiah 32:4

“The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.”

Isaiah 11:9

“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Through God's People:

2 Corinthians 4:6, see 2 Corinthians 4:5

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.”

Through Pastors/Priests:

Jeremiah 3:15

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

V. BLESSINGS FOUND THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE:

Proverbs 2:10-12

“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things.”

Proverbs 11:9

“...but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.”

Proverbs 17:27

“He that hath knowledge spareth his words:”

Proverbs 24:4

“And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”

Proverbs 20:15

“There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.”

Ecclesiastes 7:12

“For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.”

Proverbs 24:5

“A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 28:2

[For Nations] **“For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.”**

Romans 15:14

“And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”

Ephesians 4:11- 13

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ...”

2 Peter 2:20

“...they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...”

VI. CONCERNING THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN GOD’S PEOPLE:

1 Corinthians 15:34

“...some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.”

Proverbs 19:2

“...that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good...”

Hosea 4:1

“Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.”

Jeremiah 4:22

“For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”

Isaiah 5:13

“Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.”

Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

Hosea 6:6

“For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

VII. CALL TO KNOWLEDGE:

Proverbs 18:15

“...the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

Proverbs 23:12

“Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.”

2 Peter 3:18

“...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

A Father's Words:

Proverbs 5:1-2

“My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.”

Proverbs 8:10

“Receive my instruction, and not silver; and **knowledge rather than choice gold.**”

Proverbs 15:14

“The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge...”

*Husbands:***1 Peter 3:7**

“Likewise, ye **husbands, dwell with them [your wives] according to knowledge**, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”

*Pastors/Priests:***Malachi 2:7**

“**For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge**, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.”

*Paul’s Example:***2 Corinthians 11:6**

“**But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge...**”

2 Corinthians 6:4, 6

“**But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God... by pureness, by knowledge**, by longsuffering, by kindness, **by the Holy Ghost**, by love unfeigned...”

Philippians 3:8

“**Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...**”

VIII. HOW DO WE RECEIVE KNOWLEDGE?**Proverbs 2:3-5**

“**Yea, if thou criest after knowledge**, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; **if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.**”

Proverbs 2:6

“**For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**”

Ecclesiastes 2:26

“**For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy...**”

Exodus 31:3, see Exodus 35:31

“**And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in Wisdom, and in Understanding, and in Knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.**”

Proverbs 18:15, see Proverbs 14:18, 12:23, 13:16
“The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge;”

Proverbs 21:11
“...when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.”

IX. WARNINGS:

Rejecting the Knowledge of God:

Proverbs 1:22
“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and **fools hate knowledge?”**

Proverbs 1:29
“For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord.”

Job 21:14-15, 18
“Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.”

Job 36:11-12
“If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, **and they shall die without knowledge.”**

Romans 1:28
“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”

Isaiah 47:10-11
“...thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.”

Things contrary to the Knowledge of God:

Proverbs 19:27
“Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.”

2 Corinthians 10:5
“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

False gods:**Isaiah 45:20**

“...they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.”

Turning back to sin after receiving the Knowledge of God:**2 Peter 2:20**

“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.”

Hebrews 10:26-27

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

The misuse of our Knowledge:**1 Corinthians 8:10-12**

“For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol’s temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.”

Hindering those who are seeking the Knowledge of God:**Luke 11:52**

“Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.”

CONCLUSION:God’s Will:**1 Timothy 2:3-4**

“...God our Saviour ... will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

Our Prayer:**Colossians 1:9-10**

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Philippians 1:9

“**And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.**”

Ephesians 1:17

“**That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him...**”

2 Peter 1:2-6

“**Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:...**”

2 Peter 1:8

“**For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

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Nehemiah 10:1, 10:28

Job 33:3, 36:4, 38:2

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Luke 1:76-77

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Ephesians 3:19

Colossians 3:10

2 Timothy 3:7

James 3:13

THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

Isaiah 11:2-3

“**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding**, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; **and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord**: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.”

I. WHAT IS UNDERSTANDING?

The Dictionary says:

“Understanding: The faculty of reasoning, discernment, intelligence, mental power to perceive, sympathetic.”

The Bible teaches:

Proverbs 8:14

[God says] “Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: **I am understanding**; I have strength.”

Proverbs 9:10

“...the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

Job 28:28

“...and to depart from evil is understanding.”

II. HOW TO RECEIVE UNDERSTANDING:

Proverbs 9:4-6

“...as for him that wanteth understanding, she [*Wisdom*] saith to him, come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. **Forsake the foolish**, and live; **and go in the way of understanding.**”

Job 28:12

“...and where is the place of Understanding?”

Job 28:20-21, 23

“...and where is the place of understanding? Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. **God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.**”

Job 12:13

“**With him is wisdom and strength**, he hath counsel and **understanding.**”

Job 38:36

“**Who hath** put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath **given understanding to the heart?**”

Proverbs 2:1-6

“**My Son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; and apply thine heart to Understanding; and liftest up thy voice for Understanding; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**”

Job 32:8

“...there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of **the Almighty giveth them understanding.**”

Proverbs 28:5

“...they that seek the Lord understand all things.”

Psalms 111:10

“...a good understanding have all they that do his commandments.”

Deuteronomy 4:6

“**Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding** in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, **Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.**”

*David's Prayer and Thoughts:***Psalms 119:169**

“Let my cry come near before thee, **O Lord: give me understanding** according to thy word.”

Psalms 119:130

“**The entrance of thy words** giveth light; it **giveth understanding** unto the simple.”

Psalms 119:125

“**I am thy servant; give me understanding,** that I may know thy testimonies.”

Psalms 119:73

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: **give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.**”

Psalms 119:34

“**Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;** yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.”

Psalms 119:144

“The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: **give me understanding, and I shall live.**”

Psalms 119:27

“**Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:** so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.”

Psalms 119:104

“**Through thy precepts I get understanding:** therefore I hate every false way.”

Psalms 119:99-100

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. **I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.**”

*Solomon’s Prayer:***1 Kings 3:9**

“**Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart** to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?”

1 Kings 4:29

[God’s answer] “**And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much,** and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.”

*Jesus Gives his Disciples Understanding:***Luke 24:45**

“**Then opened he their understanding,** that they might **understand** the scriptures.”

III. SIGNS OF UNDERSTANDING:*Those with Understanding:***Proverbs 15:21**

“**...a man of understanding walketh uprightly.**”

Proverbs 17:27

“**...and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.**”

Proverbs 14:29

“**He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding...**”

Proverbs 17:28

“**...he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.**”

Proverbs 11:12

“**...a man of understanding holdeth his peace.**”

Proverbs 10:23

“**...a man of understanding hath wisdom.**”

Proverbs 14:33

“Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding...”

Proverbs 10:13

“In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found...”

Proverbs 15:14

“The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge...”

Proverbs 14:6

“...knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.”

Proverbs 19:25, see Proverbs 15:32

“...reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.”

Proverbs 1:5

“...and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.”

Proverbs 20:5

“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.”

*Pastors/Priests:***Jeremiah 3:15**

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

*Those Who Lack Understanding:***Proverbs 6:32**

“...whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”

Proverbs 7:4-5

“Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: that they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.”

Proverbs 7:7

[About Prostitutes] **“And [I] beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding.”**

Proverbs 12:11

“...he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.”

Proverbs 17:18

“A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.”

Psalms 92:5-6

“O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.”

Proverbs 18:2

“A fool hath no delight in understanding...”

*Leaders:***Isaiah 56:11**

“Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.”

Proverbs 28:16

“The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor...”

IV. EXAMPLES:*Jesus:***Luke 2:47**

“And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”

*Daniel:***Daniel 1:17, see Daniel 1:3-16**

“...and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.”

Daniel 5:11-12

[The Queen speaks to King Belshazzar.] **“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him... Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.”**

Daniel 1:20

[Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego] **“And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.”**

Daniel 10:12, 14, see Daniel 10:1

[Daniel is given Understanding concerning future events.] “Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for **from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand**, and to chasten thyself before thy God, **thy words were heard**, and I am come for thy words. **Now I am come to make thee understand** what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”

*Hiram:***1 Kings 7:14**

[In practical duties] “...**he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass.**”

V. GOD’S UNDERSTANDING:**Proverbs 3:19, see Isaiah 40:22**

“The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; **by understanding hath he established the heavens.**”

Isaiah 40:14

“With whom took he counsel, and **who instructed him**, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, **and shewed to him the way of understanding?**”

Isaiah 40:28

“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? **there is no searching of his understanding.**”

Psalms 147:5

“Great is our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding is infinite.**”

VI. CALL TO UNDERSTANDING:**Proverbs 16:16**

“**How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!**”

Proverbs 4:1

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and **attend to know understanding.**”

Proverbs 4:5

“Get wisdom, **get understanding: forget it not**; neither decline from the words of my mouth.”

Proverbs 4:7

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and **with all thy getting get understanding.**”

Proverbs 8:1

“Doth not wisdom cry? and **understanding put forth her voice?**”

Proverbs 8:5

“O ye simple, **understand** wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an **understanding heart.**”

Psalms 47:7

“For God is the king of all the earth: **sing ye praises with understanding.**”

Ephesians 5:17

“wherefore be ye not unwise, but **understanding what the will of the Lord is.**”

VII. BLESSINGS IN HAVING THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING:

Proverbs 3:13

“**Happy is the man** that findeth wisdom, and the man **that getteth understanding.**”

Proverbs 19:8

“...**he that keepeth understanding shall find good.**”

Proverbs 13:15

“**Good understanding giveth favour...**”

Proverbs 2:11- 12

“...**understanding shall keep thee:** To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things.”

Proverbs 16:22

“**Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it...**”

Proverbs 24:3

“Through wisdom is **an house** builded; and **by understanding it is established.**”

Proverbs 28:2

[For Nations] “For the transgression of **a land** many are the princes thereof: but **by a man of understanding** and knowledge **the state thereof shall be prolonged.**”

VIII. WARNINGS:

People of No Understanding:

Isaiah 6:9-10

“...Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, **but understand not**; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and **understand with their heart**, and convert, and be healed.”

Matthew 13:13-15

[Jesus said] “**Therefore I speak to them in parables; because** they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, **neither do they understand**. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, **and shall not understand**; and seeing ye shall see and shall not perceive. For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, **and should understand with their heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

Isaiah 27:11

“...**for it is a people of no understanding**: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.”

Jeremiah 5:21-25

“Hear now this, **O foolish people, and without understanding**; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: **will ye not tremble at my presence...?** ...this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.”

Daniel 9:13-14

“As it is written in the law of Moses, **all this evil is come upon us**: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, **that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth**. Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.”

Deuteronomy 32:28-29

“**For they are a nation** void of counsel, **neither is there any understanding in them**. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!”

Hosea 4:14

“...**the people that doth not understand shall fall.**”

Proverbs 21:16

“The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.”

Jeremiah 9:12

“Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?”

Warning against gods fashioned according to our own understanding:

Isaiah 44:6, 9, 18-19

“Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. **They that make a graven image are all of them vanity**; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. **They have not known nor understood**: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that **they cannot understand**. And none considereth in his heart, **neither is there** knowledge nor **understanding** to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?”

Hosea 13:2-4, 9

“And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.”

Hosea 14:9

“Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.”

Proverbs 21:30

“There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.”

Daniel 11:33- 35

[A Prophetic Message] **“And they that understand among the people shall instruct many**: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. **And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end**: because it is yet for a time appointed.”

Daniel 12:10

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.**”

2 Peter 2:12, see 2 Peter 2:1

[False Teachers] “But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that **they understand not**; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;”

IX. EXHORTATION:**Psalms 32:9**

[The Lord says] “**Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding**: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding**. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

1 Corinthians 14:20

“Brethren, **be not children in understanding**: howbeit in malice be ye children, **but in understanding be men.**”

1 Corinthians 13:11

“**When I was a child**, I spake as a child, **I understood as a child**, I thought as a child: but **when I became a man, I put away childish things.**”

1 Corinthians 13:2

[To Understanding add Charity (Love).] “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and **understand all mysteries**, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **and have not charity, I am nothing.**”

2 Timothy 2:7

“**Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**”

CONCLUSION:**Daniel 4:34, see Daniel 4:36**

“And at the end of the days **I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever**, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.”

Ephesians 4:17-18

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.”

The Will of the Lord is: That we know and Understand Him:

Ephesians 5:15-17

“**See then that ye walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but **understanding what the will of the Lord is.**”

Mark 12:33

“**And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding**, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Colossians 2:2

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and **unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ...”

Jeremiah 9:24

“...**let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me**, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”

Our Prayer:

Ephesians 1:17-18

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...**”

1 John 5:20

“**And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding**, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING:

Exodus 31:3, 35:31, 36:1

1 Chronicles 22:12

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF
UNDERSTANDING CONTINUED:**

2 Chronicles 2:12, 26:5

Nehemiah 10:28

Job 20:3

Psalms 49:3

Proverbs 1:2, 6, 2:9, 3:1, 4, 5:1, 8:8-9, 9:13, 14:8, 15:32, 16:18, 17:24, 23:23, 24:30-34,
28:11, 30:1-3

Isaiah 6:8, 19:20, 22:41, 29:14, 29:16, 29:24, 32:4, 40:13, 41:19-20, 43:10

Jeremiah 4:22

Daniel 2:21

Luke 1:3

John 15:10

Romans 1:31, 3:9

Philippians 4:7

Colossians 1:9

Hebrews 11:3

2 Peter 3:16

TEAM'S NOTES

The Spirit of Counsel:

God has promised in:

Psalms 32:8 *“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.” (God the Holy Spirit)*

Yet, it seems that many times we run every way but to God, who is the only one who can give us the Spirit of Counsel.

Christian Leaders are sending the flock to the world for Counsel, without recognizing that God's Counsel is complete in dealing with today's and tomorrow's challenges. God has always had, and still does have the answers to all of our problems.

Christian Leaders should be giving Spiritual Counsel and not giving the Counsel of the world.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14, 16 *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

Christian Leaders are to give Godly Counsel without fear, knowing that:

Isaiah 44:26 *“[The Lord] confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers.”*

*Note: Where the Bible uses the term “a Multitude of Counsellors”, it **does not** pertain to Counsel for an individual, but rather has to do with war and nations. [See page 65].

THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

Isaiah 11:2

“**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, **the spirit of counsel** and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

I. WHAT IS COUNSEL?

The Dictionary says:

“Counsel: To give advice, to recommend as a course of action, to warn or instruct.”

The Bible teaches:

Proverbs 8:14

[God says] **Counsel is mine** and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I have strength.”

Isaiah 9:6, see Isaiah 28:29

[Jesus] “...and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor...**”

Isaiah 40:13-14

“**Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel**, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?”

Romans 11:34

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or **who hath been his counsellor?**”

Job 12:13

“With him is wisdom and strength, **he hath counsel** and understanding.”

II. THE LORD GIVES COUNSEL:

Jeremiah 32:19

Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Psalms 73:24

“**Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel**, and afterward receive me to glory.”

Psalms 119:24

“**Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.**”

Isaiah 25:1

“O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; **thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.**”

Psalms 16:7

“**I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel...**”

III. GOD’S PEOPLE ARE TO SEEK HIS COUNSEL:*Examples:***Proverbs 19:20**

“**Hear counsel**, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.”

Judges 20:18, 23

“And **the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God.... And the children of Israel went up and wept** before the Lord until even, **and asked counsel of the Lord...**”

Judges 18:5

“And they said unto him [the priest], **Ask counsel**, we pray thee, **of God**, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.”

Psalms 20:4

“**Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.**”

Jeremiah 23:22

“**But if they had stood in my counsel**, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.”

IV. LEADERS ARE TO GIVE GODLY COUNSEL:*Paul’s Example:***Acts 20:27**

“**For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.**”

*Daniel:***Daniel 2:14**

“**Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom** to Arioch the captain of the king’s guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon...”

Daniel 4:27

[To King Nebuchadnezzar] “Wherefore, O king, **let my counsel be acceptable unto thee**, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor...”

*Jethro:***Exodus 18:19**

[To Moses on appointing leaders] “**Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee...**”

*God’s Messengers:***Isaiah 44:24, 26**

“Thus saith the Lord,...; ... **That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers...**”

V. SEEKING YOUR OWN COUNSEL:**Isaiah 29:15**

“**Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord**, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?”

Jeremiah 7:23-24

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. **But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.**”

Psalms 106:13-14

“**They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel...**”

Psalms 81:12

“**So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lust: and they walked in their own counsels.**”

Hosea 10:6

“...Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be **ashamed of his own counsel.**”

Hosea 11:6

“And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, **because of their own counsels.**”

Psalms 106:42-43

“Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand. Many times did he deliver them; but **they provoked him with their counsel**, and were brought low for their iniquity

Job 18:5, 7

“Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and **his own counsel shall cast him down.**”

Micah 4:12

“But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, **neither understand they his counsel:** for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.”

The Counsel of the ungodly and the wicked:

Psalms 1:1

“**Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...**”

Proverbs 12:5

“The thoughts of the righteous are right: but **the counsels of the wicked are deceit.**”

Psalms 64:2

“**Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked...**”

Psalms 33:10

“**The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought...**”

Job 5:13

“**...the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.**”

Ezekiel 11:2, 4

[God speaks to Ezekiel] “Then said he unto me, Son of man, **these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city. Therefore prophesy against them,** prophesy, O son of man.”

VI. A MULTITUDE OF COUNSELLORS:

(As relates to War and Nations)

Deuteronomy 32:28

“**For they are a nation void of counsel,** neither is there any understanding in them.”

Proverbs 11:14

“**Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.**”

Proverbs 15:22

“**Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.**”

Proverbs 20:18

“**Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.**”

Proverbs 24:6

“For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.”

Proverbs 12:20

“Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.”

VII. WARNINGS:

Accepting man’s psychology rather than God’s Counsel:

Man’s Counsel:

Isaiah 30:1, see Isaiah 30:2-3

“Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.”

Proverbs 28:13

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

[Read the Tracts “Man’s Psychology” and “God’s Psychology” by Timothy II]

Counsel from other than God:

Hosea 4:12

“My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.”

[Read the Study Guide “Demons” by Timothy II]

Isaiah 47:13

“Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.”

1 Chronicles 10:13

[Saul] **“...Saul died** for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also **for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit,** to inquire of it.”

2 Chronicles 25:15-16

[God’s Prophet] **“Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of people, which could not deliver their own people out of their hand? ...Then the prophet**

forebare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, **and hast not harkened unto my counsel.**”

Colossians 2:8-10

“**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him,** which is the head of all principality and power.”

VIII. THE GOOD NEWS:

Psalms 107:10-14

“Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; **Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down,** and there was none to help. **Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,** and brake their bands in sunder.”

CONCLUSION:

Isaiah 1:26

“**And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.**”

Proverbs 19:21

“There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless **the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.**”

Psalms 33:11

“**The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,** the thoughts of his heart to all generations.”

Proverbs 20:5

“**Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.**”

Ephesians 1:11

[God] “**...worketh all things after the counsel of his own will...**”

Hebrews 6:17

“**Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath...**”

Isaiah 46:10

“...My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure...”

Proverbs 21:30

“There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.”

Revelation 3:18

[God said] **“I counsel thee** to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL:

Numbers 31:16

Joshua 9:14

1 Samuel 14:37

1 Kings 12:6, 12:8

Ezra 4:4-5

Nehemiah 6:7

Job 12:17, 21:16, 26:3, 29:21

Psalms 2:2, 5:10, 13:2, 14:6, 55:12-14

Proverbs 1:5, 1:25, 1:30, 22:20, 27:9

Isaiah 5:19, 19:3, 19:11, 19:17, 28:29, 41:28-29

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL
CONTINUED:**

Jeremiah 18:18, 49:7, 49:20, 50:45

Ezekiel 7:26

Nahum 1:11

Mark 15:43

Luke 7:30, 23:50-51

1 Corinthians 2:4, 4:5

TEAM'S NOTES

The Spirit of Might:

Many Christians today, rely more on their own 'power and might' than on the "Might" of God. We are not to do things through our own 'power and might', but through God the Holy Spirit who gives us the "Spirit of Might".

Zechariah 4:6 "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

2 Corinthians 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

The Bible teaches that God is ALL "Mighty", and the way we are to live and the work we are to do for Him as Christians, is through His "Might".

Deuteronomy 3:24 "...for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?"

We are to be:

Colossians 1:11 "Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;"

Our prayer is:

Ephesians 3:16 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"

*Note: **Gebuwrah** in Hebrew is "**Might**", but in the KJV of the Bible, is sometimes translated as "**Strength**" or "**Power**".

In the Greek, *Dunamai* is "**Might**", but sometimes the word "*Ischus*" is used.

Reference: Strong's Concordance, 1368-1370 (Hebrew) and 1410, 2479 (Greek).

THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT

Isaiah 11:2

“**And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, **the spirit of counsel and might**, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

I. WHAT IS MIGHT?

The Dictionary says:

“Might: Great strength, power, or force.”

The Bible teaches:

2 Chronicles 20:6

“...**O Lord God** of our fathers, **art not thou God in heaven?** and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? **and in thine hand is there not power and might**, so that none is able to withstand thee?”

Job 12:13

“**With him [God] is wisdom and strength [Might]...**”

Daniel 2:20

“...**Blessed be the name of God** for ever and ever: **for wisdom and might are his:...**”

Jeremiah 10:6

“Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and **thy name is great in might.**”

II. THE LORD IS MIGHTY:

Job 9:4

“**He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength:** who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?”

Psalms 24:8

“Who is this King of glory? **The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**”

Psalms 45:3

[David said] “Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, **O most mighty**, with thy glory and thy majesty.

Psalms 89:13

“**Thou hast a mighty arm**: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.”

Psalms 93:4

“**The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.**”

Isaiah 9:6

“...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**,...”

Jeremiah 32:18-19

“...the Great, **the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name**, great in counsel, and **mighty in work**...”

III. THE LORD MOVES MIGHTILY ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE:

Jeremiah 16:21

“Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, **I will cause them to know** mine hand and **my might**; and they shall know that my name is THE LORD.”

Isaiah 33:13

“Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, **acknowledge my might.**”

Psalms 106:8

“Nevertheless he saved them for his name’s sake, **that he might make his mighty power [Might] to be known.**”

Moses:

Deuteronomy 3:24

[His prayer] “O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy **mighty hand**: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and **according to thy might?**”

David:

Psalms 20:6

“Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with **the saving strength [might] of his right hand.**”

Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 20:11

“...**the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one [awesome warrior]:** therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail.”

Mary:

Luke 1:49

“**For he that is mighty hath done to me great things;** and holy is his name.”

IV. THE LORD GIVES MIGHT TO HIS PEOPLE:

1 Chronicles 29:10-12

“Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. **Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power [Might],** and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; **and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.**”

Psalms 71:16

“**I will go in the strength [Might] of the Lord God:** I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

Psalms 112:1-2

“Praise ye the Lord. **Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,** that delighteth greatly in his commandments. **His seed shall be mighty upon earth...**”

Isaiah 28:5-6

“In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory,..., **and for strength [Might] to them that turn the battle to the gate.**”

V. EXAMPLES :

Samson:

Judges 14:6

[Slays a lion] “**And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him,** and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand:...”

Judges 15:14, see Judges 15:15

[Slays a thousand men] “...**and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him,** and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.”

Micah:

Micah 3:8

“But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.”

Daniel:

Daniel 2:23

“I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might...”

Moses:

Acts 7:22

“And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.”

Gideon:

Judges 6:12

“And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, **The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.**”

Judges 6:14

“And the LORD looked upon him, and said, **Go in this thy might**, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?”

Paul:

Romans 15:19

“Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**”

Galatians 2:8

“(For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)”

VI. THE MIGHTY WORKS OF JESUS CHRIST:

Matthew 13:54

“And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, **Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?**”

Matthew 13:58, see Mark 6:5

“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”

Luke 19:37

“And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice **for all the mighty works that they had seen;**”

Luke 24:19

“...Jesus of Nazareth ... **mighty in deed and word** before God and all the people.”

CONCLUSION:**Psalms 66:7**

“**He ruleth by his power [Might] for ever;** his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.”

Isaiah 40:26

“**Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might,** for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.”

Psalms 145:4, 6, 11-12

“**One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible [awesome] acts:** and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power [Might]; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.”

*David's Prayer:***Psalms 54:1**

“Save me, **O God,** by thy name and **judge me by thy strength [Might].**”

Psalms 71:18

“Now also **when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed** thy strength unto this generation, and **thy power [Might] to every one that is to come.**”

*Trust not in your own Might:***Jeremiah 9:23-24**

“Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, **neither let the mighty man glory in his might,** let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me...”

Isaiah 30:15, see Isaiah 32:17

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be

saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength [Might]:...”

2 Corinthians 10:4, see Ephesians 6:11-18

“**For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds...**”

Our Prayer:

Ephesians 3:14, 16

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.... **That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man...**”

Ephesians 1:17-21

“**That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit** of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know ... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, **according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ**, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all principality, and power, and might**, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Colossians 1:11

“...**Strengthened with all might**, according to his glorious power, **unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness...**”

Colossians 1:29

“**Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.**”

Ephesians 6:10

“**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**”

Revelation 7:12

“**Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT:

Genesis 10:9

Numbers 14:13

Deuteronomy 4:37, 6:5, 9:29

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT
CONTINUED:

2 Kings 18:20

1 Chronicles 11:10-12, 11:19, 29:12, 29:30

2 Chronicles 20:6, 27:6

Job 26:14, 39:11

Psalms 21:13, 64:6, 80:2, 89:19, 90:10, 147:10

Proverbs 23:11

Isaiah 1:24, 30:29, 36:5, 40:29, 49:26, 60:16, 63:1, 63:15

Daniel 4:3

Luke 24:19

Acts 18:24, 18:28

TEAM'S NOTES

The Spirit of Truth:

Christians are always under tremendous pressure to compromise their Faith, to turn away from the “Truth” of God, and to follow the ways of the world. But for the ‘True’ believer, there is no room for such compromise; therefore it is imperative that we come into the ‘Fullness’ of God in the “The Spirit of Truth”.

Jesus said in:

John 14:16-17

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 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.”

Once we acknowledge that we have received the “Spirit of Truth”, we will come into a closer relationship with “The Godhead”. This will lead us into ‘True’ Worship with God the Father.

Jesus said in:

John 4:23: “...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.”

Through the “Spirit of Truth”, we will also come to know God the Son (Jesus), in a more powerful way, because the “Spirit of Truth” will:

John 15:26

“...,he shall testify of me (Jesus).”

And:

John 16:14

“He shall glorify me (Jesus):...”

Only the unadulterated “Truth” of Jesus Christ can set us free, keep us free, and make us powerful instruments in the hands of God to help set the whole world free.

John 8:36

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

Remember: it is God the Holy Spirit and His ‘Attribute’ of the “Spirit of Truth”, that guides us into ALL Truth!

John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:”

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

John 15:26, see John 14:26

“But **when the Comforter is come**, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”

I. WHAT IS TRUTH?

The Dictionary says:

“Truth: Agreement with reality; the eternal principle of right or the natural law of order, fidelity, constancy.”

The Bible teaches:

That “The Godhead” is Truth.

Deuteronomy 32:4

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: **a God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

John 14:6

“**Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

I John 5:6

“...And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because **the Spirit is truth.**”

II. TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST:

Matthew 22:16, see Mark 12:14

[The Pharisees said] “And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that **thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth**, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.”

John 1:17

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **truth came by Jesus Christ.**”

Romans 15:8

“Now I say that **Jesus Christ was a minister** of the circumcision **for the truth of God**, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers.”

John 18:37

“...**Jesus answered**, ...To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, **that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**”

John 1:14

“**And the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**”

III. WHEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH COMES:**John 14:15-17**

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **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.**”

2 John 2

“**For the truth’s sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.**”

John 16:13-14

“...**when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak.... He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

Ephesians 5:9

“...**the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth...**”

IV. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:**John 8:31-32, 36**

“**Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; and **ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** ...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

Psalms 51:6

“Behold, **thou desirest truth in the inward parts:...**”

Psalms 145:18

“**The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.**”

Joshua 24:14

“Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...”

1 Samuel 12:24

“...serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.”

2 Corinthians 11:10

“As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.”

Ephesians 6:14

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth ...”

Proverbs 23:23

“Buy the truth, and sell it not.”

Zechariah 8:19

“...love the truth and peace.”

Zechariah 8:16

“These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour...”

Ephesians 4:25

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.”

Proverbs 12:17

“He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness...”

Proverbs 12:19

“The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.”

Ephesians 4:15

“But speaking the truth in love, [that we] may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ...”

Proverbs 3:3-4

“Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.”

Proverbs 16:6

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged...”

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

“**Purge out therefore the old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, **as ye are unleavened**. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but **with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**.”

Isaiah 38:19, see Malachi 4:6 and Luke 1:17

“The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: **the father to the children shall make known thy truth**.”

1 Peter 1:22

“**Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, **see that ye love one another** with a pure heart fervently.”

2 John 1

“**The elder unto the elect lady [the Church] and her children, whom I love in the truth**; and not I only, but **also all they that have known the truth**,”

V. CALL TO LEADERSHIP:**Exodus 18:21**

“Moreover **thou shalt provide out of all the people** able men, such as fear God, **men of truth**, hating covetousness; and place such over them, **to be rulers** of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:”

*Paul's Example:***1 Timothy 2:7**

“Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (**I speak the truth in Christ**, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith **and verity [truth]**.”

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

“**Therefore seeing we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, **we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.”

3 John 3, 4

“**For I rejoiced greatly**, when the brethren came and testified **of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth**.”

David:

Psalms 40:9-10

“**I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:** lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: **I have not concealed** thy lovingkindness and **thy truth from the great congregation.**”

Psalms 26:3

“For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: **and I have walked in thy truth.**”

Hezekiah:

2 Chronicles 31:20-21

“And **thus did Hezekiah** throughout all Judah, and wrought **that which was good and right and truth** before the Lord his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.”

Church leaders should receive God's Servants who are walking in Truth:

3 John 5-8

“Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. **We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.**”

VI. MANY WILL TURN AWAY FROM TRUTH:

2 Timothy 3:1-2, 8

“**This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,... **Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth:...**”

2 Peter 2:1-2

“...**there shall be false teachers among you,** who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason **of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**”

2 Timothy 4:1-4

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **For the time will come when** they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap

to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and **they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**”

James 5:19-20

“**Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth**, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”

2 Timothy 2:23-26

“But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; **if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

VII. GOD’S PEOPLE SUFFER WHEN THEY TURN AWAY FROM TRUTH:

Hosea 4:1

“Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for **the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth**, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.”

Isaiah 48:1, 22

“**Hear ye this**, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, **which swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth**, nor in righteousness. ... **There is no peace**, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.”

Isaiah 59:2-4

“...**your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. **None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth**: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.”

Isaiah 59:13-15

“In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: **for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey**: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.”

Jeremiah 7:28

“...thou shalt say unto them, **This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.**”

Jeremiah 9:3

“**And they bend their tongues** like their bow for lies: **but they are not valiant for the truth** upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.”

Jeremiah 9:5-6

“**And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth:** they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity. Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.”

Jeremiah 5:2-3

“**And though they say,** The Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely. **O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth?** thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but **they have refused to receive correction:** they have made their faces harder than a rock; **they have refused to return.**”

Daniel 9:13

“As it is written in the law of Moses, **all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.**”

VIII. GOD’S TRUTH:**Psalms 57:3**

“... **God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.**”

Psalms 43:3

“**O send out thy light and thy truth:** let them lead me...”

Psalms 119:151

“Thou art near, O Lord; and **all thy commandments are truth.**”

Psalms 33:4

“For the word of the Lord is right; and **all his works are done in truth.**”

Psalms 111:7- 8

“**The works of his hands are verity [Truth] and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth** and uprightness.”

Psalms 25:5

“**Lead me in thy truth**, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”

Psalms 31:5

“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, **O Lord God of truth.**”

IX. WARNINGS:**John 8:44**

“Ye are of your father **the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

Romans 2:6-9

[God] “**Who will render to every man according to his deeds:** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But **unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, **indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish**, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.”

Romans 1:18, 25

“**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.... Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

Romans 2:1-2

“**Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man**, whosoever thou art that judgest: for where in thou judgest another, **thou condemnest thyself**; for thou that judgest doest the same things. **But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.**”

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

“...**they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

X. THE GOOD NEWS:

Call for Repentance:

Jeremiah 4:1-2

“**If thou wilt return**, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. **And thou shalt swear, The Lord liveth, in truth**, in judgment, and in righteousness; and **the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.**”

Promise of Restoration:

Jeremiah 5:1

“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, **if ye can find a man**, if there be any that executeth judgment, **that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.**”

Jeremiah 33:6-7

“Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and **I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.** And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.”

Isaiah 61:8

“For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and **I will direct their work in truth**, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.”

Psalms 85:8-11

“I will hear what God the Lord will speak: **for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints**: but let them not turn again to folly. **Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him**; that glory may dwell in our land. **Mercy and truth are met together**; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. **Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**”

CONCLUSION:

Psalms 15:1-2

“**Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?** Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? **He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.**”

2 Thessalonians 2:13

“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.**”

1 John 2:21

“I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.”

1 John 2:27

“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

1 John 1:5-9

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 2:4

“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

2 Corinthians 13:7-8

“Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.”

Hebrews 10:26-27

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

1 John 3:18-19

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.”

*Our Prayer:***2 Samuel 2:6**

“And now the Lord shew kindness and truth unto you...”

Psalms 91:4

“...his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH:

1 Kings 2:4, 3:6, 17:24

2 Kings 20:3

2 Chronicles 18:15

Psalms 45:4, 60:4, 69:13, 71:22, 98:3, 115:1, 119:30, 146:5-6

Proverbs 8:7

Isaiah 10:20, 16:5, 26:2, 43:9

Daniel 4:37

Zechariah 8:3, 8

John 5:33, 36, 40, 45-46, 16:7, 17:17, 19, 18:38

Romans 2:20, 9:1

1 Corinthians 13:6

2 Corinthians 7:14

Galatians 3:1, 5:7

Ephesians 1:13, 4:21

Colossians 1:5-6

1 Timothy 3:15, 6:5

2 Timothy 2:18, 3:7

Titus 1:1, 14

James 3:14-15

2 Peter 1:12

3 John 1-2

TEAM'S NOTES

Final Conclusion:

The Power of the “Fullness of God”, which gives us the “Seven Spirits of God”, has not been made available to us so that we can sit around and feel good about ourselves. The Lord has poured out His Spirit upon His people in these last days, in order that they might do something!

Isaiah 61:1-3: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”

Our Exhortation is:

Ephesians 4:1-6: “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Our Prayer is:

That the Churches will receive and help the ‘Messengers of God’ that are ministering in the “Seven Spirits of God”, and walking in Truth. (2 Corinthians 8 & 9)

3 John 8 *“We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.”*

Because: JESUS IS COMING SOON!

Mal 3:1, 18 *“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.”*
“Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.”

Amen!

TIMOTHY II'S TESTIMONY

In 1967, I was in the middle of my career as a "Head Football Coach" in a High School in Southern California. After having an Undefeated Championship Team during the regular season, and being selected "Orange County Coach of the Year," my wife's younger sister was killed in an automobile accident. She was survived by her husband and four children. This sudden shock in the middle of my most exciting coaching year led my wife and me to ask the Lord into our lives in a small church in Anaheim. This in itself would be the conclusion of my testimony, if it were not for God's sovereign intervention.

In 1985, after thirty years of coaching football and winning numerous awards in High School and College coaching, I had a heart attack. Since 1967, I had been going to church regularly, attending Bible studies, tithing and reading the Bible daily. The only problems I had were alcohol and ego. It started out with the usual occasional use of alcohol but developed into daily use.

When I entered the hospital in 1985, I passed all the physical exams and tests I was given. The doctors concluded that I had a slight heart attack but it was over and I was fine. As I was preparing to go home and my wife was coming to pick me up, I had a "ventricular fibrillation" attack in the hospital. It was at this time that I had a real "Death Experience" as well as an "Out of Body Experience."

As I fell on the hospital bed, I left my body and went immediately out of this world, and into "Outer Darkness." I went floating on my back into a black void with no sound, in complete blackness, and I knew I was totally separated from God for eternity. (Job 10:21, 22 & Jude 13)

With "weeping and gnashing of teeth," I cried out to the Lord and said, "I haven't done anything for you Lord, please give me another chance." I also said, "My wife and family weren't expecting me to die, what will happen to them?" (Matthew 8:12, 22:13, 25:30)

I continued to float in "Outer Darkness," weeping and crying out to the Lord.

Just as suddenly as I began floating into "Outer Darkness," I floated back into the hospital room and into my body. I rose up in my body like it was filling up from the bottom to the top and my eyes opened up in front of many doctors and nurses.

After resting about four hours from this experience, I was lying in my bed and I opened up my Bible to Second Timothy. It was at this time that the Lord spoke to me audibly. He said, "My son Timothy, If you don't do My Will, I will remove you from this earth." (Jeremiah 28:15, 16)
I said, "I will, Lord."

He then said He named me "Timothy," so that all the work that I do for Him, would be done in this name. This way, my ego would not get in the way and I would know it was Him doing the work and not me. He told me my work is in 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Although this was Paul talking to Timothy, the Lord said this would be Him talking to me. Thus I have taken the name "Timothy II."

Some of the things the Lord told Timothy II was to tell the Body of Christ that "He is coming soon, very soon, sooner than you think." He told me that the Body of Christ, in addition to saving souls, must repent from dead works, backslidden conditions, and to restore the divided body from envy, strife, etc., and to also restore Christian marriages.

After this experience was over, the Lord told me to have my sister, who is in the ministry, to come and lay hands on me to receive the "Filling of the Spirit," to give me the power to do His work. This she did.

Later on, the doctors found out through an angiogram, that my left coronary artery was ninety five percent blocked and I had to have an "angioplasty" to clear it. The Lord healed me through this method and I have been fine since.

The Lord completely delivered me from alcohol and also took away the desire for it.

Since 1985, the Lord has Called and trained myself and my wife Lavona, along with The Team which He has raised, to minister to Pastors, Priests, Evangelists and Church Leaders. He has used us to love, encourage, build up, edify, and to rebuke when necessary, these men and women of God.

God is judging His Church today, for judgment "must begin" at the "House of God." (1 Peter 4:17) This is being done in the "spirit of Elijah." (Isaiah 40:3, Luke 1:17, 3:4)

The judgement is based on Revelation 2 & 3. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." (Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22)

AMEN!

TIMOTHY II