
It is well to appreciate that God calls and anoints men in a variety of ways. He had already called Bezaleel and Aholiab by name (Exodus 31:2,6) as He had earlier called Moses. Bezaleel is mentioned again by Moses in Exodus 35:30,31; and also according to verse 34, he was given the ability by the Holy Spirit to teach, along with Aholiab, others who could help them with their service to God.

4. What intellectual gifts were given by the Holy Spirit to Bezaleel? (Exodus 31:4,5)

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5. What transfer of anointing of the Holy Spirit was given to the seventy elders of Israel? (Numbers 11:16,17)

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6. These seventy received another gift from God which He took of the Spirit that was upon Moses and gave to them. What was this gift? (Numbers 11:25,29)

After Moses' death, God chose Joshua, the son of Nun who was full of the Spirit of wisdom, to succeed him.

7. How did Joshua receive this Spirit of wisdom? (Deuteronomy 34:9)
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FIRST STUDY

THE BEGINNING

THE HOLY TRINITY (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4)

In the absolute beginning, the Holy Spirit was there. Part of the divine Godhead, He always existed as part of the Trinity. Our study on the Holy Spirit begins at the very first verse in the Holy Bible: Genesis 1:1 -

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word here used for God is *Elohiym* (or *Elohim*); and is used in the plural form which makes it clear to us that God is One in three Persons. This same Hebrew word for God is used in Deuteronomy 6:4 -

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

The speaker does not say, "Jehovah is alone God," but "Jehovah our Elohim is one Jehovah."

Among the heathen there were many Baal's and many Jupiter's; and it was believed that the deity (god) might be divided and communicated to many. But the God of Israel, Jehovah, is one indivisible (cannot be divided) and incommunicable (too wonderful for words). He is the Absolute and the Infinite (never ending) One. ¹

1- The Pulpit Commentary; Deuteronomy, p. 118, 119.

The word *one* is not contradictory with the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, in that we have three Persons of the same substance in the one Godhead. Indeed, God is, on a regular basis, in the plural form in the Hebrew Scriptures: and is so here. Other's references in the O.T. where the Trinity is revealed are: Isaiah 6:3; 40:13; 48:16; Judges 13:8-23; Proverbs 8:22-31; Numbers 6:24-27.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CREATION (Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalm 104:30)

1. What was the Holy Spirit doing in Genesis 1:2?

The Holy Spirit hovered over, or fluttered, brooding, as with love, over the liquid elements of the shapeless and tenantless (vacant) globe, communicating to them, doubtless, those formative powers of life and order which were to burst forth into operation in answer to the six words of the six ensuing (following) days. ²

Job 26:13 - *By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens;...*

This is a picture of the Spirit of God clearing away the darkness, and bringing forth brightness. Some commentaries describe this portion of Scripture in reference to Creation; but others do not. Others think it is about the Holy Spirit calming storms, in nature; and also personal storms in the lives of God's children. I personally believe this is

² - The Pulpit Commentary; Genesis, p. 4.

the Holy Spirit in Creation. Nevertheless, which one of the two is correct, doesn't really matter: for He is involved in both. Psalm 104:30 - *Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created* (Creation): *and Thou renewest the face of the earth* (referring to the flood).

OMNISCIENT HOLY SPIRIT (Isaiah 40:13,14)

The Holy Spirit is All-Knowing.

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 showed to Him the way of understanding.

Omniscient means All-Knowing. No one need to teach Him for He is the teacher. He reveals the things of God (I Corinthians 2:10,11; John 14:26).
GIVER OF INTELLECTUAL GIFTS (Genesis 41:38; Exodus 28:3; 31:3, 6; 35:31; Numbers 11:17,25,29; Deuteronomy 34:9; Judges 13:25; 14:6; I Kings 3:28)

1. (a) In Genesis 41:38 what did Pharaoh discern in Joseph? _____

(b) In Genesis 41:39 what did the Spirit of God place into the inner man of Joseph?

2. In Exodus 28:3 what did God call these garment makers that He filled with the Spirit of wisdom?

3. In Exodus 31:1-3, Who did God fill *...with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.*