

THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF PRAYER

By T. W. Hunt

LESSON 4

OUR EXAMPLE AND OUR HELPER IN PRAYER

The Holy Spirit, Our Helper in Prayer

The Indwelling Presence of Christ
 Continues the Work of Christ
 Helps us Know God’s Will
 Our Guide and Helper

Praise God for your desire to study the Bible. We welcome you to join our Wednesday Night Bible Study sessions at FAME, 7:00 – 8:00 PM before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Directions: Please read and study the scripture lesson and any other scripture references, the Illumination section, and the Observation section, than answer the questions in the Exploration section. When you submit your answers on the answer sheet a Bible study teacher will review your answers and provide comments within 2 weeks of submission. These comments will enrich your Bible study experience and is not intended to grade or judge your knowledge or understanding.

| Scripture Lesson | Illumination |
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| <p>Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit – John 14:15-18</p> <p>¹⁵"If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.</p> <p>The Work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:5-15</p> <p>⁵"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt^[a] in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.</p> | |

| Observations |
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| <p>❖ In this lesson we will study the Holy Spirit our helper in our prayer life. To be our helper we have to know who is helping us. Therefore we will be taking an inventory assessment to ascertain our current understanding of the Holy Spirit. Answer each question with a T/True or F/False.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Little is said in the New Testament about the Holy Spirit. _____ 2. Christ’s work in the world stopped with His ascension to heaven. _____ 3. The Holy Spirit dwells only in Believers’ lives. _____ 4. The Holy Spirit does not dwell in every Believer. _____ 5. The Holy Spirit helps us pray. _____ 6. Our prayers should deal with generalities, not specifics. _____ 7. To truly know God’s will, a person must be willing to obey and follow God’s will. _____ |

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Observations, continued

- ❖ Who is the Holy Spirit? - The 3rd Person of the Trinity Acts 5:3-4; II Cor. 3:17
- ❖ Who is the Holy Spirit? - Spirit of Jesus Christ/Christ/Lord – Phil 1:19; Romans 8:9; Acts 5:9
 - God the Father sent Christ and the Holy Spirit – John 6:38; 15:26
 - Sometimes the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Holy Ghost in the Christianity community.
- ❖ Who is the Holy Spirit? - The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of Christ, God the Son and God the Father.
 - The Holy Spirit dwells in every Believer. John 14:16-17
 - The Holy Spirit dwells in the body/temple of every Believer. I Cor. 6:19
 - The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of Christ for every Believer. John 14:18
 - The Holy Spirit sanctifies (sets a side) every Believer. I Peter 1:2; John 17:19; I Cor. 1:30
 - The Holy Spirit is an expression of God's love whom also empowers Believers to love. Romans 5:5
 - The Holy Spirit is indispensable to Believers' prayer life. Ephesians 2:18
- ❖ The Holy Spirit continues the Work of Christ.
 - The Holy Spirit makes Christ's teachings and purposes real to the Believer. John 16:12; 14:26
 - The Holy Spirit reveals what we need to know from God. II Cor. 2:12-13
 - The Holy Spirit speaks on behalf of Christ. John 16:13
- ❖ The Holy Spirit helps us know God's will.
 - God's will was one of Jesus' major concerns. John 4:34; Matt. 6:10; John 5:30; Matt.26:39-42
 - The Holy Spirit helps us understand God's will. Acts 13:2; 16:620:23; I Cor. 2:10-11
 - How can we know God's will?
 - The Bible is one source of revelation. II Tim. 3:16-17
 - Prayer Col. 1:9
 - Holy Spirit Matt. 4:1
 - Willingness to do the will of God Isaiah 6:6-13; Matt. 13:15
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is our guide and helper. Jeremiah 10:23-24; Rom. 8:26-27
 - The name of the Holy Spirit is often translated Helper (one called alongside, that is to help)
 - The Holy Spirit serves as guide into all truth. John 15:26; 16:13
 - Believers are to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we can pray in the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18; 6:18; Jude 19-21
 - Our mind is tuned into the Holy Spirit in our prayer life. Psalm 5:3; Zech 4:6
- ❖ The Holy Spirit helps us to pray in specific and not in generalities.

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- ❖ Other works of the Holy Spirit.
 - Comforts John 14:16
 - Counsels John 14:26
 - Gives wisdom Eph. 1:17
 - Gives me power Acts 1:8
 - Helps my weakness Rom.8:26
 - Gives spiritual gifts I Cor. 12:11
 - Give spiritual fruit Gal. 5:22-23

Exploration

Consider the book, "The Life-Changing Power of Prayer", the Illumination section and Observation section for your answers.

1. How do you know that the Holy Spirit lives in you?
2. How does the Holy Spirit help you know God's will for your life?
3. What differences does the Holy Spirit make in your life?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help you pray?

Thought For The Week: The Holy Spirit who is God lives in me.

