Lesson #

God – The Holy Ghost

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\* In this lesson we will be learning about the personality and work of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost has been sent by the Father and by the Son to indwell and guide the believers. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke about the Holy Ghost proceeding from the Father ***John 15:26*** and as His own gift of Himself to the believer. There are many people who profess to believe in the Holy Ghost, who believe in God the Father and God the Son. But with the Holy Ghost, He is thought of as only a servant or errand boy or a fruit giver sent to give them goose pimples, or to make them blabberdy, blubberdy, hupee dupee and go into a trance and roll all over the floor. This belief is false. The Holy Ghost is equal to, and in no way inferior to both God the Father and God the Son. There are those that reduce the Holy Ghost to only an inanimate force, such as electricity, which is powerful but completely devoid of being a real living person, much less God.

\* In this lesson we will learn and be shown from the word of God that the Holy Ghost ***is a person***, not an influence. Anybody that believes their Bible should believe that the Holy Ghost is a living person. He can be approached or shunned, trusted or doubted, loved or hated, adored or insulted, grieved, and lied to. This doctrine of the Holy Ghost is very important. If He is a person, equal to the Father and the Son, then He should be worshipped as they are.

\* The Holy Ghosts name is linked with the Father and the Son both in the benediction and in the baptismal formula.

 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_

of t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and of t \_ \_ S \_ \_, and of t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***Matthew 28:19***

Notice that in the above Scripture that it is not in the “names” {plural} but in the “name” {singular}showing us the individuality of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. This also shows us a beautiful picture of the Trinity, all three being individuals but also one. The *name* of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is the “*Lord*.” God the *Father* is *Lord*, God the *Son* is *Lord*, and God the *Holy Ghost* is *Lord.* The name “Jesus” is not the name of the Holy Ghost. The name “Jesus” is not the name of the Father. The name “Jehovah” is not the name of the Son. Jesus Christ is the name of a man who got tired and slept and bled and died. God the Father does not weep, nor does He sleep, nor does He die. He may speak metaphorically and anthropologically back in the Old Testament; speaking of things in a language a man can understand but “God is a Spirit.”

\* If the Holy Ghost were merely an influence or power, we would always refer to Him as an “it.” The only time the Bible speaks of the Holy Ghost as an “it” is in referring to His work, not His person. As a person He is referred to as “he,” “him,” “his” etc.

\* The Holy Ghost is a person, and if He is a person, then we must get to know Him more intimately and more personally. The Bible uses personal pronouns in referring to the Holy Ghost as we mentioned before.

But when t \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ \_, which proceedeth from the Father, h \_ shall testify of me:”

***John 15:26***

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away,

t \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send h \_ \_ unto you. And when h \_ is come, h \_ will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:” ***John 16:7, 8***

“Howbeit when h \_, the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ \_, is come, h \_ will guide you into all truth: for h \_ shall not speak of h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but whatsoever h \_ shall hear, that shall h \_ speak: and h \_ will shew you things to come. H\_ shall glorify me: for h \_ shall receive of mine, and shall shew it

unto you.” ***John 16:13, 14***

***\**** When referring to the Holy Ghosts “work” it is perfectly proper to refer to Him as “it.” However, when we are referring to the person of the Holy Ghost, The Holy Ghost is a “Him.”

“The S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:” ***Romans 8:16***

“Likewise the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” ***Romans 8:26***

In ***John*** chapter ***16***, the Holy Ghost Himself uses the word “he” twelve times referring to Himself.



Characteristics of God the Holy Ghost

1. **The Holy Ghost *has Will Power.***

The Holy Ghost has the ability and does make decisions. Only a person can do that.

“For to one is given b \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge b \_ the s \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; To another faith by the s \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; to another the gifts of healing by the same S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to every man s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ h \_ w \_ \_ \_.

***1 Corinthians 12:8-11***

1. **The Holy Ghost *has Intelligence.***

An “influence” does not have the knowledge with which to teach, but the Holy Ghost is the one that searches the heart. He knows the mind and the spirit because He makes intercession. He searches and has the ability to know things.

“Thou gavest also t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.” ***Nehemiah 9:20***

“And h \_ that s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ knoweth what is the m \_ \_ \_ of the

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, because h \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for the saints according to the will of God.” ***Romans 8:27***

1. **The Holy Ghost *has Knowledge.***

The Holy Ghost knows things as you and I do as persons, therefore, He is a person.

“For what man k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ no man, b \_ \_t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might

k \_ \_ \_ 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 t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_

 t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” ***2 Corinthians 2:11-13***

1. **The Holy Ghost *has Power.***

The Holy Ghost powerfully changed Simon Peter from a “cussing” commercial fisherman into a Spirit-filled preacher. Every one of you doing this lesson right now that are saved can testify of something that the Holy Ghost has done in your life that only His power could have done, right?

“But y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” ***Acts 1:8***

1. **The Holy Ghost *has a capacity for Love.***

Now let’s not get the love of the world and Gods love twisted. They are not the same in the least. The worlds idea of soap opera, adulterous, shacking up, Men with men, women with women, Blabbedy, Blab, Blab, Blab is not Biblical or Godly “love” at all. God’s love is described in ***1 John 4*** and does not describe any filth of the flesh whatsoever. God’s love is sacrifice. The worlds love is “gimmy.” So, when we speak of God the Holy Ghost as loving, remember He is God, not man.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and f \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_

 t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;”

***Romans 15:30***

“And hope maketh not ashamed; because t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ is s \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

 o \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ which is given unto us.” ***Romans 5:5***

1. **The Holy Ghost *can be Grieved.***

“And g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” ***Ephesians 4:30***

1. **The Holy Ghost *can be lied to.***

“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart t \_ l \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast

 t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_? thou hast not lied unto men, b \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***Acts 5:1-4***

The Apostle Peter said Ananias and his wife lied to the Holy Ghost. He also said that they lied unto God. So, we have three truths. The Holy Ghost can be lied to. The Holy

Ghost is God. Lying is always wrong but, it is much more severe to lie to God than it is men. The Holy Ghost is a person.

The Holy Ghost’s Abilities as a Person

\* Below are ten items which plainly teach us that the Holy Ghost is not merely an influence, but a *real person*. Remember, the reason that we are studying these lessons is to learn *doctrine*. What does the Bible *actually say*? Can we believe as *doctrine* that the Bible *says* God the Holy Ghost is *a person*?

1. **The Holy Ghost *searches the deep things of God.***

“But God hath revealed them unto us b \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, yea, the d \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_.”

***1 Corinthians 2:10***

They call this the age of information and say that knowledge is doubling itself at an alarming rate. Computers are getting larger and smarter and becoming outdated quickly. All of this may be true and probably is, but man’s attempts to be omniscient are vain, because he will never be able to know the deep things that God the Holy Ghost knows and is able to reveal to us from the Scriptures. The Lord says that man’s attempt to match the Holy Ghost’s knowledge is “altogether lighter than vanity.” ***Psalms 62:9***

“But the n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ h \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, because they are spiritually discerned.” ***1 Corinthians 2:14***

1. **The Holy Ghost *Can Speak.***

The Holy Ghost spoke to the Apostle Paul, to Phillip, and to the Church. Any Born-Again believer can unashamedly testify that they have heard the voice of God the Holy Ghost.

“He that h \_ \_ \_ a \_ e \_ \_, let him h \_ \_ \_ what t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Revelation 2:29***

This expression alone occurs seven times in Revelation chapters two and three.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Can Cry Out.***

“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of h \_ \_ S \_ \_into y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, Abba, Father.” ***Galatians 4:6***

God the Holy Ghost is a person.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Intercedes.***

“Likewise the Spirit also h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ u \_ with groanings which cannot be uttered.” ***Romans 8:26***

According to the Scriptures, the Holy Ghost is inside the Christian translating the Christians prayers into the proper terms of supplication that can be brought before God. Thank our wonderful and kind Lord, we not only have someone praying for us in heaven who knows how to pray, but in our present condition, on this earth, when we don’t know how to pray, we have in this earthen vessel a person who can make intercession according to the will of God. Influences and computers cannot pray. God the Holy Ghost can intercede because, *He is a person*.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Testifies*.**

“But when the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, which proceedeth from the Father, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_:” ***John 15:26***

God the Holy Ghost provide evidence for, attests, bears witness, proves, shows, takes the stand, and witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ. He’s a person.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Teaches.***

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” ***John 14:26***

“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as i \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, ye shall abide i \_

h \_ \_.” ***1 John 2:27***

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which

 t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

***1 Corinthians 2:13***

The Holy Ghost is a teacher that has knowledge. He stores up, reveals, passes on, confirms and calls back to your remembrance knowledge after you have forgotten it.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Leads and Directs.***

“For as many as are l \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, they are the sons of God.” ***Romans 8:14***

“Or despisest thou the r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and

l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; not knowing that the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of God l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ to repentance?” ***Romans 2:4***

“But if ye be l \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, ye are not under the law.” ***Galatians 5:18***

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ with mine eye.” ***Psalms 32:8***

God the Holy Ghost, is a person.

1. **The Holy Ghost *Commands***

The Apostle Paul and Silas were forbidden by the Holy Ghost to preach the word of God in Asia. They were starting out on a missionary trip, and the Holy Ghost say’s “Don’t go over there. Go over here.” He forbade them from going to one place and commands them to go to another place. This is the work of a person.

“Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ in A \_ \_ \_, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_h \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ f \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto t \_ \_ \_.”

***Acts 16:6-10***

1. **The Holy Ghost *calls men to work and gives them certain tasks.***

“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ Barnabas and Saul f \_ \_

t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_whereunto \_ h \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 13:1, 2***

It was not the Lord Jesus Christ or God the Father that called these men but, the Holy Ghost!

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” ***Acts 20:28***

1. **The Holy Ghost *proceeds to the mission for which He was sent.***

“But w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ c \_ \_ \_, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_:” ***John 15:26***

\* In concluding this first lesson in Pneumatology on God-The Holy Ghost, there has been more than sufficient evidence from the Holy Scriptures to teach us that God the Holy Ghost is indeed a *person*. He is the third *person* of the Godhead (the Trinity). We go believing because it is *doctrine* concerning what the *Bible has said*. Amen! Thank you for honoring the Lord and His word by studying. God notices. God the Holy Ghost, is a person.